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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Big Three Proposal

THE Western Allies have again tried to push open the door leading to Four-Power discussions on the problem of Germany. Soviet reaction to the latest proposals must be awaited, but if past experience can be taken as any guide, Russia will continue to be evasive. In many respects Russia and the Big Three are still poles apart on the question of how solution to the problem of Germany should be approached. The Soviets insist that unification of the country can only be achieved after an all-German government has been elected, and they desire simultaneous discussions on a German peace treaty, unification and the formation of a single German Government. The Big Three have been, and continue to be, equally insistent that until it can be satisfactorily shown that free elections in East as well as West Germany are possible, and only after those elections have been held, can either the subject of the peace treaty or unification be discussed with any reasonable prospect of agreement being reached.

THE Western Allies' latest note offers an interesting modification to previous proposals. Hitherto the Big Three have strongly favoured the establishment of a United Nations investigating commission to explore and prepare the ground for free elections in Germany. Now it is suggested that an impartial commission be appointed, not subject either to veto or control of the Big Four, to investigate conditions and to determine whether they are such that would permit of the holding of free elections. It may confidently be predicted that Russia will object to this proposal if only because it provides for the commission to enjoy unfettered access to all parts of Germany, including the Soviet zone. The latest Allied overture may not produce any tangible results, but it is at least a new and genuine attempt to bring solution of the German problem nearer reality, and it will test to the full the good intentions of the Soviets in the matter of Germany's future.

"IKE'S" PROMISE TO HIS SUPPORTERS

Will Lead Party Down 'Fighting Road' To Victory

Chicago, July 11.

General Dwight Eisenhower tonight accepted the Republican presidential nomination with a firm pledge to lead his Party down the "fighting road" to victory against an administration which he said was pock-marked by "arrogance and corruption."

Speaking before the national convention which, only a few hours before, had named him its unanimous choice for the Presidency, Eisenhower promised a fighting campaign to break 20 years of Democratic rule by capturing the White House, Congress, and State and local government offices as well.

"I accept your summons. I will lead this crusade," he told the roaring crowd.

To back up his promise of a fighting campaign, General Eisenhower spelled his speech with a direct attack on the Truman administration, saying: "Our aims—the aims of this Republican crusade—are clear: to sweep from office an administration which has fastened on every one of us wastefulness, arrogance and corruption in high places, a heavy burden and anxieties which are the bitter fruit of a party too long in power."

"Much more is it our aim to give to our country a programme of progressive policies drawn from our finest Republican traditions, to unite us wherever we have been divided, to strengthen freedom wherever among any group it has been weakened, to build a sure foundation for sound prosperity for all here at home and for a just and sure peace in our world."

"TO BATTLE" CRY

General Eisenhower summoned his Party to battle with these words: "Today is the first day of our battle. The road that leads to November 11 is a fighting road. In that fight, I will keep nothing in reserve."

He called for a "crusade" of youth under the Republican banner.

He pledged himself to a campaign "in every section, every corner, every nook and cranny of this land." The five-star general, who led the free nations to victory in World War II, closed with this pledge: "It is more than the nomination I accept today. It is a dedication—dedication to the shining promise of tomorrow. As together we face that tomorrow, I beseech the prayers of our people and the blessing and guidance of Almighty God."

WINNER . . .



Eisenhower

LOSER



Taft

Eisenhower called the campaign ahead one for "freedom in America and freedom in the world." Recalling his days as Allied Supreme Commander, he told delegates he knew something of leading a crusade. "I take up this task, therefore, in a spirit of deep obligation and of its decisive importance, I accept your summons," he said.

RUNNING MATE

Chicago, July 11. General Dwight Eisenhower, who captured the Republican nomination for President with a smashing first-ballot victory today, picked Senator Richard Nixon of California as his vice-presidential running mate.

Riding a "bandwagon" that could not be stopped, General Eisenhower beat Senator Robert Taft for the Party's top prize when Minnesota handed him its votes in a hair-raising last-minute switch at the Republican national convention.

Eisenhower's lieutenant promptly announced that Senator Nixon, who played a key role in sending Alger Hiss to jail for perjury, was their unanimous choice for the second place on the ticket which they hope will end the Democrats' 20-year monopoly on the White House.

The convention met later to nominate Senator Nixon formally. Eisenhower's acceptance speech was scheduled at 10:00 GMT, after which the 25th Republican convention is due to wind up its business.

Harold Stassen was the hero of the Eisenhower convention blitz. He had no chance to be nominated himself, but the former boy Governor of Minnesota packed a wallop if he could only find the right time to deliver it.

That time came within a few seconds after 11:44 GMT. The roll call was ended. The General had long since passed the Senator and was inching up to the 1004 votes needed to put him over on the first call. But not quite.

From 30 to 20 to 10 votes fell the margin which so narrowly separated Eisenhower from a first-ballot victory. The little pocket borough territories and the District of Columbia, which came last on the call after the roll of the States, stood for the most part for Taft. Any pair, or maybe three of them, could have gauged up right there and made Eisenhower the man. But they were not.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Virgin Islands voted unanimously for General Eisenhower. He needed nine votes to put him over and Governor John Fine of Pennsylvania who, next to the candidates themselves, had squeezed the most publicity out of this convention knew a shift of votes in his delegate would put the general over. He was frantic to produce the votes. Down front he was demanding attention from the chairman, Joseph Martin. But Martin looked far to the left.

There the Minnesota standard was swaying. Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, far to the chairman's right, also was demanding the floor. But Martin kept his eye on Minnesota.

In a break in the noise, Stassen's chance came and the chairman shouted that he recognised the Minnesota delegate. Minnesota had 19 for Stassen and nine for Ike on the regular roll call. Now Stassen was ready to switch. Senator Edward Thorpe, chairman of the Minnesota delegation, announced all 28 votes for the general.

DELEGATES EXPLODE

The delegates exploded. What they did not know then was that the move had been planned earlier in a secret meeting. The decision to switch if Ike could be nominated was made with Stassen's knowledge and delegates said it involved "no debts and no commitments" and was done with a "prayer that we were right."

Went from Eisenhower's headquarters was that Stassen would get some recognition for his tactics if plumes are handed out after election day. The Cabinet would look good to Stassen. Senator John Bricker then told delegates that Taft and Eisenhower had met and the Senator had pledged his unlimited active support to elect Eisenhower.

"Eisenhower most graciously responded," continued Senator Bricker. "I say he cannot be elected without the wholehearted support of Senator Taft and his friends and then could not carry out his programme without support. The wisdom of the New Deal, Fair Deal and much, much more must be destroyed."—United Press.



Two people were killed and nine injured when a fighter-bomber of the RAF crashed on Beninon Health housing estate near Salisbury recently. Twelve houses were set on fire and two prefabricated dwellings demolished. Picture shows the scene of the crash and burnt-out houses.

Disastrous Air Crash

Middle East Defence Command Without Egypt?

London, July 11.

British Press reports have in the past few days been claiming persistently that arrangements are being made to proceed with the projected Middle East defence command without Egypt now that prospects for an early settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute appear to be fading.

These rumours first emerged after a secret meeting of British Middle Eastern diplomats here earlier last month and they have grown in intensity since the latest Cabinet change in Cairo which British officials consider a setback to efforts for a settlement.

Official quarters neither confirm nor deny that moves are in progress to set up a Middle East command but they admit that in any case there is a long way to go before anything concrete is likely to emerge.

The Middle Eastern defence question was discussed here yesterday between General Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, and British Chiefs of Staff, but General Ridgway himself stated afterwards that no decisions or conclusions had been reached. This followed upon a conclusive discussion a fortnight ago on the same question between the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

NOT ISOLATED

It has emerged in both sets of discussions that the Middle Eastern command question cannot be resolved as an isolated issue and that it must await a settlement of the Mediterranean command structure on which Anglo-American differences remain.

If arrangements for a Middle East defence command were to proceed without Egypt, as suggested by the latest recurrent reports, some sort of a skeleton structure would be set up with headquarters probably in Cyprus for its organisation and planning boards and with a view to its subsequent broadening and when Egypt is ready to join.

Any move in this direction would have to await the arrival of the Turkish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for discussions in London. The visit, scheduled for July 7, had to be postponed because of Mr. Eden's illness and no new date has so far been determined.

Turkey's attitude will play a decisive part in decisions on the command structure. Meanwhile, soundings are in progress with other Middle Eastern countries to assess more concretely the prospects of their willingness to co-operate directly or indirectly in Middle East defence arrangements. Some British diplomats believe that their opposition to a Middle East defence command is rapidly crumbling and might even turn to outright co-operation.

4-POWER TALKS

Meanwhile, the attention of the Western Powers remains focused on Moscow's reaction to its latest invitation for four-Power talks on all-German elections. There are doubts in Western diplomatic quarters whether the Kremlin will accept the Western terms which would force it to agree to the principle of supervised free elections in its zone in Germany.

If Moscow rejects the proposal, it will become clear beyond doubt that its policy is unchanged. If it accepts the way may be paved for the first time in years towards an improvement in East-West relations and the unification of Germany.

Further afield in Korea, the intentions of the Red remain obscure though British diplomats feel that China at present wants an armistice provided that she can save her face on the issue of war prisoners. Consultations with the Indian Government, which have been in progress for the past few days, may provide a clue to how this problem can be satisfactorily resolved. India's former High Commissioner in London, Mr. Krishna Menon, who has just returned from talks with Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, is expected to throw some new light on the situation.—United Press.

THE "RED DEAN" Treason Indictment Suggested

London, July 11.

A Conservative Member of Parliament today asked the Government whether it had considered prosecuting the "Red Dean" of Canterbury for treason.

Miss Irene Ward, CBE, inquired of the Attorney-General, Sir Lionel Heald, whether prosecution was justified on the grounds that Dr Hewlett Johnson spread Communist germ warfare propaganda which was prejudicial to the Government.

Dr Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primate of all England, announced that he would make a statement in the House of Lords on Tuesday on Dr. Johnson's endorsement of germ warfare charges against the United States.

Indignation has mounted against the 76-year-old Dr. Johnson who has been called the "aging cockatoo of Communism" in the press. Thirty-eight members of Parliament have joined a move to ask Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the Church of England to remove him.

Mr. J. Longford, Kolt, said that he would ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, to set up a tribunal to investigate the Dean's behaviour and conduct in furthering propaganda of "persons engaged in hostilities with British troops."—United Press.

FIRE ABOARD MOTORSHIP

Rotterdam, July 11.

Fire broke out on board the 7,101-ton Greek motorship Anna L. Condylis, which is in drydock here, today.

It is believed that it was caused by a spark from a riveting appliance which ignited oil remnants and rubbish in a hold.

Rotterdam drydock firemen and the city fire brigade extinguished the blaze which at first looked serious.

The extent of the damage was limited by the absence of valuable cargo. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

HEADING FOR NEW RECORD

London, July 11.

The American liner United States appeared today to be on the way to a new record East-West crossing of the Atlantic.

Her average for the first 341 miles for her return trip to New York from Le Havre was 34.1 knots.

The record for the East-West crossing was established by the French liner Normandie in 1937 at an average speed of 31.2 knots.

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"Le Quatorze Juillet" Programme

From Radio Hongkong

"All Aboard for the Fourteenth of July" takes Radio Hongkong listeners on a gay and breezy bus tour of Paris on the occasion of French National Day.

This programme — which is made available by courtesy of Radio France Asia, Saigon — is a pot-pourri of French music and English narrative touching on the romantic and colourful history of the great capital city. So you are invited to a free ride at 7 o'clock on Monday evening.

(For this week only, the programme "Portuguese Half Hour", which usually comes at this time, will not be broadcast.)

In recent years the name of Christopher Fry has loomed large in the English theatre, and "The Lady's Not for Burning" was hailed as perhaps the most remarkable of his poetic comedies. In the words of the critic of the "Daily Telegraph", he has 'most of the qualities of a dramatist in a high degree. He can make enchanting patterns with words; he can create character; he can make the transition from gravity to gaiety without difficulty. In some ways he is like a young Shaw, but with a poet's mind.'

The BBC version of this fantastic tale of a young soldier of the fifteenth century who is disrupted with life, and a girl who is unjustly condemned as a witch, was broadcast over Radio Hongkong in January of last year. The play is well worth a rebroadcast and can be heard on Wednesday at 9.15 p.m.

Cricket: The Third Test Match between England and the visiting Indian Eleven begins at Old Trafford, Manchester, Thursday. As in the case of the first two Tests, Radio Hongkong will be broadcasting a description of play from 10 o'clock to 10.15 p.m. each evening of the five days' play except on Thursday, when the commentary comes at 10.05 p.m. instead. The commentaries will be recorded from London earlier in the same evening, will be given by John Arlott and E. W. Swanton.

The listener to the feature "Goddess Mother of the South", which comes at 10.15 on Friday night, is asked to be an active participant in climbing Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain from afar.

The title of this programme is the translation of the original Tibetan name for Everest—'Chom-Lungmo'—and the programme concentrates more upon the study of Everest itself, as seen by the various successive expeditions which have vainly attempted to reach its summit over the past thirty years, than upon its would-be conquerors.

The mountain is so remarkable a character in its own right that the gradual uncovering of its secrets by each successive expedition makes a story no less exciting than the tales of personal heroism the world already knows, and that this character is one of tremendous malevolence is rapidly apparent, and its bleak and inhospitable nature impresses itself soon enough upon its climbers.

The producer, Edward Livesey, draws upon reports of almost all the expeditions—including the Shipton Reconnaissance Expedition of 1951. Descriptions are quoted from many climbers, and four men who are themselves Everest climbers take part in the programme: J.L. Longland who acts as narrator; Dr Raymond Greene; W.H. Murray; and John Morris.

In "Music Lovers' Hour" on Friday night at 9 o'clock, Curtis Hindson is presenting a brilliant piano transcription of "Dance Macabre"; four Romantic Pieces by Dvorak; and Mozart's great String Quintet in G Minor, K. 516.

In "At the Opera" at 9.15 on Thursday night there come the first two Acts of Gounod's "Faust". In these recordings the Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera, Paris, are conducted by Henri Busser.

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12.35 THOSE AND HIS INSTRUMENTALISTS.

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2.00 AFTERNOON CONCERT. FORCES' PROGRAMME.

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2.30 RADIO NEWS TALK. Presented by Robin Day.

3.00 STUDIO: HOSPITAL REQUESTS. Presented by Betty.

4.00 "THE M.A.S.T.E.R. OF THE HOUSE" BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON. Part 1: "A House Divided".

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6.15 LIGHT MUSIC.

6.30 RADIO SERVICES EVENING.

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8.45 FORCES' FAVOURITES.

9.00 COLONIAL QUESTIONS.

9.15 CRICKET.

9.30 YORKSHIRE V. INDIA.

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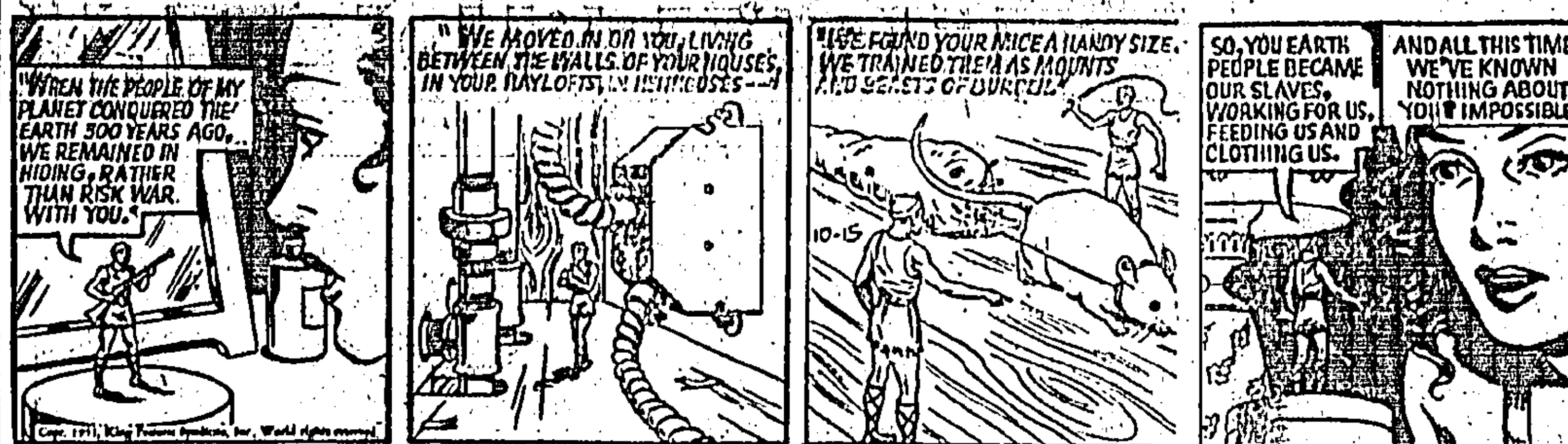
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SHEARER

BALLERINA Moira Shearer, awaiting the arrival of her first baby in August, has been deciding her future. Deciding it in the house she and her husband, writer Ludovic Kennedy, have just bought in Hampstead — their old mews flat is no longer big enough.

Miss Shearer's decision is to be a dramatic actress as well as a ballerina. For the girl who was once heir-apparent to Margot Fonteyn in the Sadler's Wells hierarchy, who was interested in film only as a medium for dancing, has changed her mind.

At 25, she has discovered a considerable liking for acting. It is Hollywood which has shown her the light; plus James Mason, her leading man there.

Picture which has altered Miss Shearer's mind: "The Story of Three Loves." It is due in London around August, too; the studio is already claiming her as a new "dramatic discovery" on the strength of it.

Moira Shearer has worked it out like this: "After my baby, arrives I intend to take at least two months' rest; then go back to dance practice. For the first three months of 1953 I should like to appear with a top ballet. Then a picture, combining acting and dancing. After that, possibly alternating engagements."

The film people are helping in the design; Hollywood and British studios have already put in their bids for the new Shearer. But how many ballets are there at the "top"?

THE BREADWINNER

ANOTHER happy event in filmland; scarcely professional bliss in this case.

Elizabeth Taylor, dutifully reporting back to Hollywood from her London honeymoon, announces that she will be a mother next January. The bride's employers, MGM, have received the news with distinctly modified rapture.

They have promptly taken Miss Taylor out of their new picture, *The Girl Who Had Everything*; William Powell is to be given a substitute leading lady. A second picture written specially for Miss Taylor — she was to have played the youngest daughter in a family of health-fetters — is being postponed indefinitely.

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THE FILM that helped to change Moira Shearer's mind about films: with James Mason in *The Story of Three Loves*.

SHOW TALK BY HAROLD CONWAY

Husband Michael Wilding follows over to Hollywood in a week or so; they had fixed him up with a film, so he could be with his wife. Now it looks as though Wilding will be the sole breadwinner of the family in 1952.

MOVING UP

IN the old Aldwych farce days it used to be — do you remember? — RALPH LYNN and BOB WALLS on the bills, with Robertson Hare, bullied and debagged, getting his name below the play's title.

Now Walls is dead; and, after a five-years' absence, Mr. Lynn is returning to West End farce — monopolized and debonair as ever — at the age of 70. And this time it will be ROBERTSON HARE and RALPH LYNN in the new Ben Travers piece, "Wild Horses."

Mr. Hare will still, I gather, suffer his quota of indignities. But, in the official announcements, the stage worm has quietly taken over first place from his old master.

FIRST TIME THERE

QUOTE from — playwright Dottie Smith, once employed in a Tottenham Court Road shop's toy department, now back from New York with a new play after 14 years: "Do ring me at the Ritz. Yes, I'm living there — the first

ENCORES...

ROBERT MORLEY, besides appearing nightly in *The Little Hut*, is at Shepperton studios at 7 a.m. daily as Gilbert, in Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Sullivan. Sole complaint: "I got no time to watch my two racehorses, Gloomy Scent and Capital Gain."

Britain-bound: Dick Powell and June Allyson — on holiday en route to the Olympic Games at Helsinki — Edmund O'Brien, for *Murder in the Tate Gallery*, the actor of the Tute, Sir John Rothwell, has collaborated on the script.

Richard Attenborough and Jack Watling are teamed for the second time, in *Father's Day*. The first occasion, *Journey Together*, was for the RAE Film Unit, when they were both ACAs — and had to scrub their own dressing rooms. Joan Collins, Britain's newest star, now honeymooning in Spain with Maxwell Reed (and filming with Joan Fontaine in *Decameron Nights* at the same time), will be home this month to make *Master Crook* with her husband, Hermione Baddeley and James Kenney.

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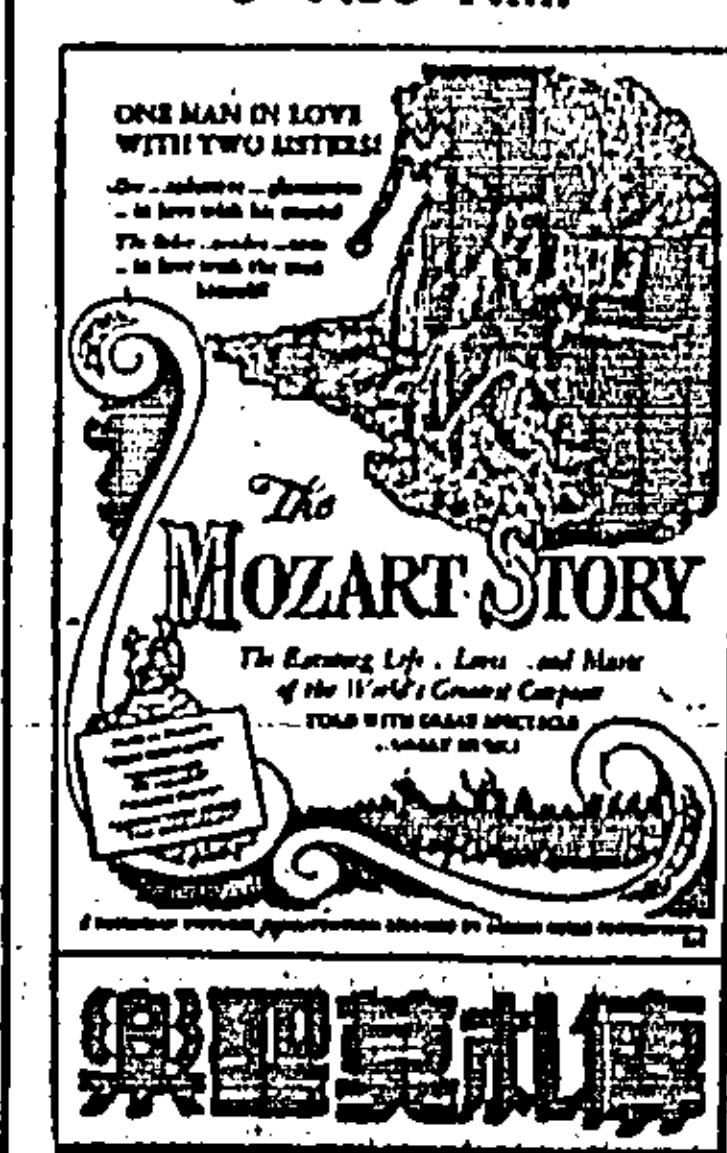
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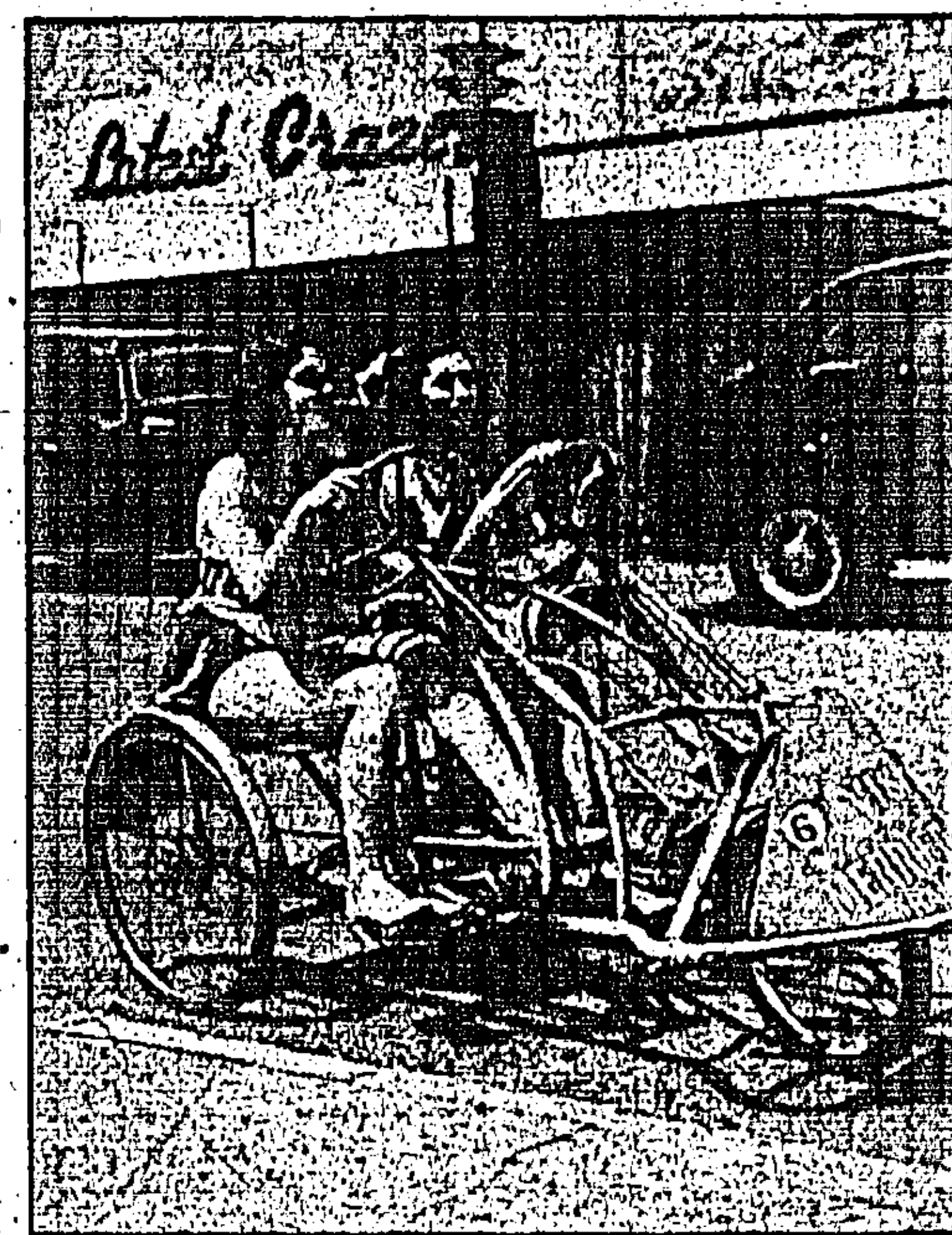
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81-YEAR-OLD Edward Johnston, of Hounslow, Middlesex, travelled from London to Liverpool to say goodbye to his old Regiment, the Royal Fusiliers, before it sailed for Korea. An ex-Drum Major, he was escorted aboard the Empire Hall-dale, where he chatted with the troops and joined in their singing.

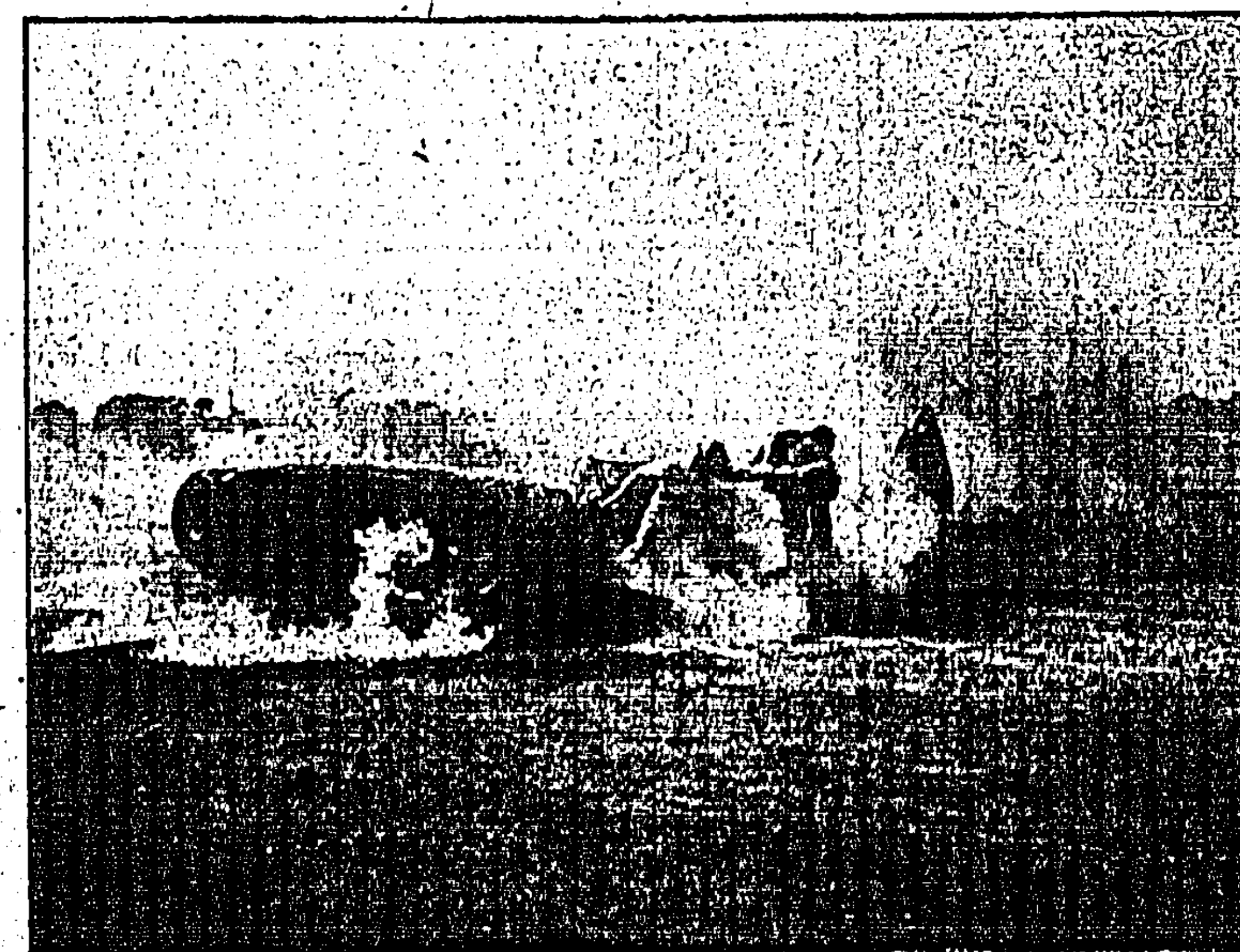


THE Japanese Ambassador to London, Dr Shunichi Matsumoto, greeting his wife and daughter at London Airport on their arrival from Tokyo. (Express Service)



LEFT: Two holiday-makers try out a new version of the bicycle built for two at Ramsgate. The machine is a favourite with visitors. (Express Service)

BELOW: Naval airmen rescuing a dummy pilot from an aircraft ablaze in a demonstration at the School of Aircraft Handling, Gosport, Hampshire. In the Royal Navy, the 'School' is known as HMS Siskin. (Reuterphoto)



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AT the three-power talks which took place at the Foreign Office in London recently. From left: Mr Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, and M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister. Korea and Germany were the main points of discussion. (Reuterphoto)



THE comedian, Ted Ray, receives an inoculation from an officer at the Millbank Military Hospital in preparation for his trip to Korea to entertain troops there. (Army News Service)



COOLING off from the midday heat — bathers and sun worshippers at the Serpentine Lido.

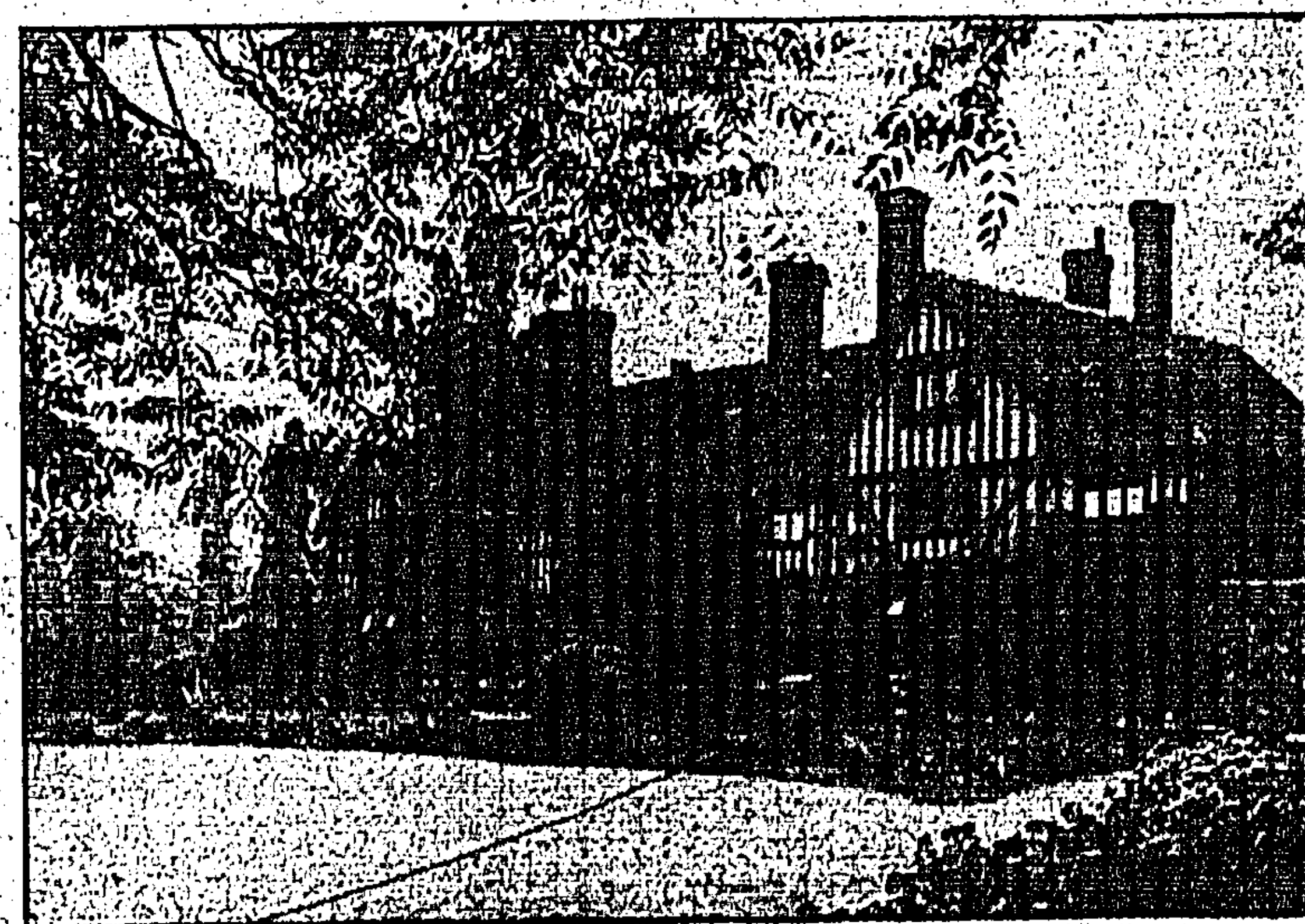


LACW Edith Vine of Peterborough, who played a part in the film "Angels One-Five," wearing the new WRAF cap which will be general issue at home and abroad. It is a moulded, one-piece, fur felt peaked cap made on the bowler hat principle, and will be worn on all parades and ceremonial occasions, and for walking out.



MISS Dagmar Wright, 18, dances with Senor Francisco de Icaza, 22, son of the Mexican Ambassador to London, at her coming-out party at Chelsea. Miss Wright is from Accra, Gold Coast. (Express Service)

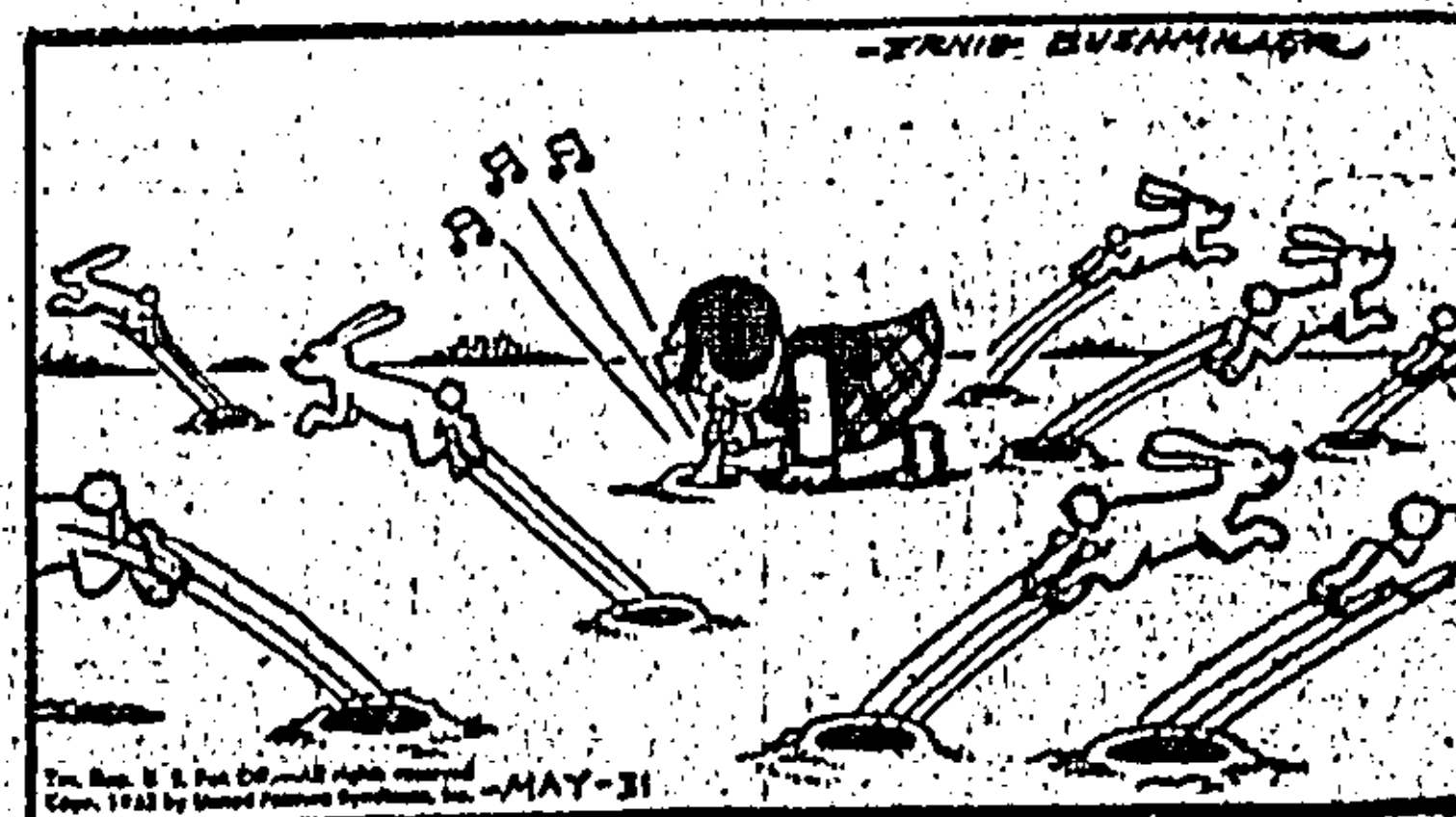
BELOW: Beddington Park, in the southern suburbs of London, contains this lovely example of Elizabethan architecture.



NANCY

Wot HOP-plin'?

By Ernie Bushmiller



THE MAN WHO WAS KNOWN AS No. 44

By E. V. TULLETT

IN a cell-like room of a lodging house near Drury Lane, London, has died a man who saved the life of a Prime Minister. He won fame in 1917 as an M.I.5 agent who exposed a plot to murder the late Earl Lloyd George.

But when he died, aged 72, this man whose name made the headlines was known only as No. 44—the number of his room.

BARE BOARDS

He was out of work. His room had bare boards, a wooden chair, and an iron bed. It cost him 15s. 6d. a week.

It was in the winter of 1917 that Herbert Booth was sent to Derby to contact a number of people reported to be plotting against the Prime Minister.

By posing as a deserter Booth became friendly with them.

The leader was a Mrs. Wheelton, an ex-postmistress who kept a second-hand clothes shop. Her lieutenant included a man called Alfred George Mason, a chemist in Southampton, and one of her daughters.

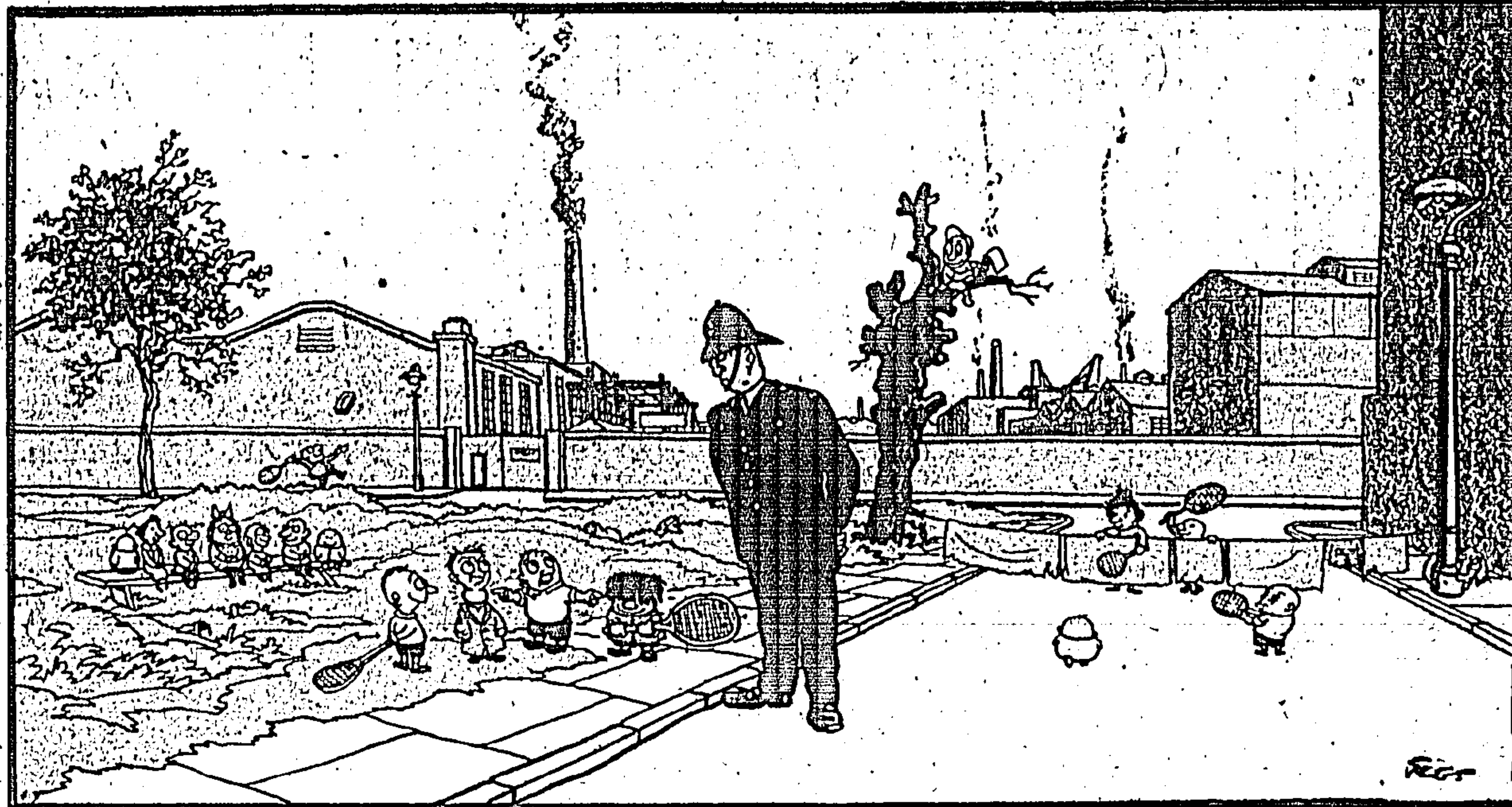
FOUR PHIALS

Mason supplied four phials containing strychnine and curare, the drug used by South American Indians to poison their arrows.

Booth so impressed the conspirators that he was chosen to carry out the assassination. Booth was ordered to go to Walton Heath golf course with a walking-stick gun, lie under cover, and shoot the Prime Minister when he arrived there.

Instead, he informed the Attorney-General, Sir F. E. Smith, who decided to strike. The conspirators were arrested. They were sent to prison. Another daughter of Mrs. Wheelton was acquitted.

When he was found dead in the room he had lived in for 15 months, Booth still had in his pocket a letter from the Home Office thanking him for exposing the plot. He was given a few shillings, and a Post Office savings book with entries totalling £250.



"Well, Willie was standing here yawning just as Stinker sent down one of his smashing forehead drives . . ."

London Express Service

WHO'S MAKING ALL THE MONEY THESE DAYS?

THE time of the big spender in London's West End is running out. High life in the famous square mile has reached its lowest ebb. Visible signs of the chilly dawn after the tax men's purge are clear to old habitués. Club bar profits are down 53 percent in the past year. In one celebrated night-club I visited there were 20 girls in the floor show and 13 customers.

And American visitors, saying, "There's no fun here any more," are doing their business and moving on quickly to Paris or Rome.

The tax men have stopped up all the holes. "Expenses" with which men in business in the capital used to manoeuvre their nights-out no longer get by.

Some industrialists, like one Midlands machine-tool manufacturer who used to spend £5,000 a year on a Park Lane hotel suite, now

keep small flats in London. On their door plates you will find the words, cut small, "Registered Office" and the rent can be entered as expenses.

Yet some high and handsome spending still goes on. Who are they who have weathered the cold blast of 19s. 6d. in the £?



THERE seem to be only two types left:

1. A few of the surviving rich, who are spending their capital. Why, not, they ask, have a good time while it lasts — they and their sons — why let the Government get it in death duties?

This attitude, which you may or may not condemn, is infectious.

2. The fiddlers. And fiddling, the expert observers tell me, has become a very fine art.

Cash — business — deals are now conducted on a flabbergasting scale. And a new phenomenon, barter, is coming into fashion among even the big men.

Manufacturers' agents, dealers will "swap" large consignments of goods without invoices or money passing.

To get spending money a furniture maker might write down a quantity of suites (in fact of high quality) as inferior finish and give them to a dealer who would pay so much through the books and so much in cash.

Similar deals might be done with shoe manufacturers whose goods would be "rejected" — but only on paper.

One well-known character (the smart men are at least 50 percent ex-allens) went around the clubs and races, recently with several thousands in his pockets. Asked why, he admitted he had sold his factory at a low figure, taking the undisclosed balance in ready money.

Some of the smartest recent deals have been in steel. Public works con-

JAMES DOW finds tax men's purge empties the night clubs, but misses the rackets of the new wide boys

tractors, held-up because of short supplies, have found ways of by-passing the queue. Desperate to get one contract finished so that they could take another, they have paid "black" prices to smart men who always know where they can get another 70 tons.

One swift packet was made through the Government negotiation of American steel supplies a few months ago. British steel, bought at the controlled price of £40 a ton, was consigned to a West Country port and sold at £72 as American.

Cash business has brought new faces to the old haunts of the wealthy, a new kind of face, too. You can see the difference in Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow, as well as in the West End.

The men who get the V.I.P. treatment from club proprietors and head waiters are no longer the big executives whose £5,000 a year may be worth only £2,000 and whose expenses are now carefully vetted. Only the smaller men who run their own businesses and who can risk activities that don't figure in the books have money for lavish living.

CASH is hard to save if it doesn't get put through the bank account. So mink sales (and resales later) are high. Business in diamonds reached an all-time record high level last year of more than £60,000,000.

One farmer in Cheshire has £20,000 worth of "sparklers" cemented into the floor of his garage. For cash, diamonds or mink are apt to be smelted out by the ladder gangs.

Big-money gambling is the other way it goes. In a West End club last month a handicap

snooker competition had £5,000 in prizes for members. And bookmakers tell me they can get as much as £550 cash for a £500 cheque. If they are so inclined. For the cheques, paid into the bank as winnings, aren't subject to income tax.

Some fruit and flower dealers say that half the business at Covent Garden is now done in cash.

From these, the barrow boys spread out wide through London and other cities. They are well organised. One man with a van collects from the markets, distributes to associates at key-selling points.

I met one such organising genius in a big hotel in the Strand. He lives there all through the year. It's so handy for Covent Garden.

Each week he buys 3,000 boxes of flowers, taking roughly 1s. 6d. profit on each box for himself. And there are no book transactions for anyone to tax him with.



BUT buying and selling businesses is the biggest money game. Any innocent newsagent-tobacconist shop will do. Bought at £1,500 when its turnover is only £70 a week, it will sell for £5,000 if its sales are pushed up to £200.

This can be done by high-pressure methods and also by the loan of quotas of cigarettes and other things in short supply from other businesses. The man it is finally resold to doesn't know these recent takings represent a false and strictly temporary boom.

A profit of £3,500 on such a sale, which is not taxed, is equal to an income of £30,000, £40,000 a year.

How much of this kind of thing is going on? This is something one can include in a census. But you don't need to look far to see examples of it. The sharper the edge of taxation, the keener is the effort to get round it.

DIMINUENDO FOR 'THE BOYS'

A FEW weeks ago it was Debroy Somers. The most debonair of the band leaders had died. Now it is Roy Fox. A receiving order has been made against "the man with the whispering trumpet."

To older generations the names came as reminders of an age which is gone, but hardly forgotten: the golden age of the dance band. The names of Somers and Fox, of Payne and Hylton, can still cast a nostalgic spell. But among the young they are just part of the old people's gossip. The hop-cut has replaced Hylton; the growing pains of Bob have succeeded the Birth of the Blues. And the uninitiated ask: Whatever happened to that golden age—and why did it die?

JACK v. JACK

THE band vogue began in the early twenties and reached its zenith in the early thirties. After that there was a slow decline. But in the days before the shadow of war lengthened, competition among the bands was fierce. The two Jacks, Hylton and Payne, were supreme. They topped variety bills; they were outstanding radio attractions. Jack Payne's signature tune, Say It With Music, and Jack Hylton's broad back were as familiar as yesterday.

Big money was put into the band shows, and big money came from them. It was not unusual for a band leader to make £500 a week. But his expenses were high. The bands were conducted to extensive publicity campaigns; travelling costs mounted as the bands, riding on the wave of their popularity, chased from one end of the country to the other. And even in those days there was income-tax. So if a band leader put £2,000 or £2,500 in his pocket at the year's end, he was fortunate. And for that he had to work tirelessly.

Behind the nonchalance, the debonair manner, the wide grin often lay a harassed man. The band was big business, with all that entails in terms of trial.

There was, too, the replacement of musicians. The two

A vogue fades . . . and with it, the big money, the sharp rivalries of the Golden Age of the dance bands.

Jacks sought the best; and both were able to afford them. And always Jack had to keep an eye on Jack's style. Not unnaturally the one tried to outdo the other. Hylton, playing Horse, Keep Your Tail Up, would bring live horses on to the stage. Payne would respond with Riding on a Camel in the Desert—complete with genuine camels.

Alongside Hylton and Payne, ploughing a steady if less spectacular course, was Henry Hall. He had become a band leader in 1922; 10 years later he was doing this job officially for the BBC. These men, and the others who travelled through the golden years were personalities in their own right. Each had a way with him, though those ways might differ. And each realised that the dance band was not enough. It must in itself be a creative force.

THE SLIDE

SO the singers—and sometimes the comedians—were born. Vera Lynn, Donald Peers, Ann Shelton and Elizabeth Webb were grandchildren of the dance band. The band helped them along. Today they prevail in the place bequeathed by the organisation which nurtured them. The band, as a band, slipped down the variety lists. Henry Hall believes himself to be the last band leader to top the bill in the West End; and that was in 1947.

In the later thirties it was said that the vogue was ending. Why? Mr. Hall will tell you that 20 years ago the bands became stylised and that stylism can last just so long; in other words the bands—and their leaders—were responsible for their own fate.

But there are other theories. And one of them is that the lesser bands exploited the success of their more experienced brethren. These bands, say the theorists, were given radio dates and then went out to the public

HALL, COTTON

YET Henry Hall, having seen out the age, continues to plough his steady course as a band leader. Billy Cotton, another of the Old Boys, continues to march boldly with his band. Neither has forgotten the lesson of the old days. Though competition is not so fierce today, Hall and Cotton still put on a "band show" as opposed to straight dance-music sessions.

The name of Carroll Gibbons as leader of the Savoy Orpheans is still remembered; and it is still remembered. Mr. Gibbons is now entertainments manager for the Savoy and the Berkeley.

But he has no deserted active musicianship, still plays the piano in public—and talks with that Deep South drawl.

A REVIVAL?

Will they lead the way back to a revival? Few would say yes. The days when a band leader's very movements made news, when he was fêted and put into films, when he ruled show business through not only his personality but his industry, when he made millions of records and drew to the ends of the earth—these days were a phase to be written into the history of show business. But one thing is certain. The men and women in their chimney corners will still talk of Payne, Hylton, Somers, Fox, Gibbons and the others when the first nuclear dance band takes over.

George Campey

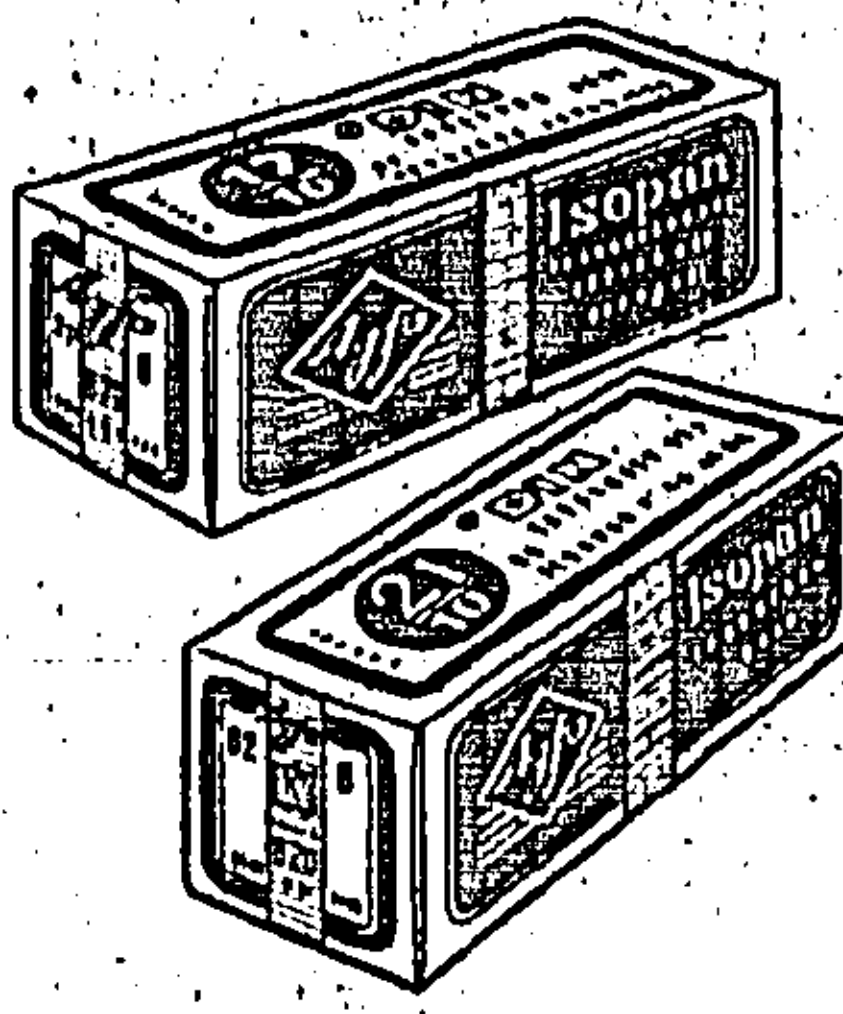


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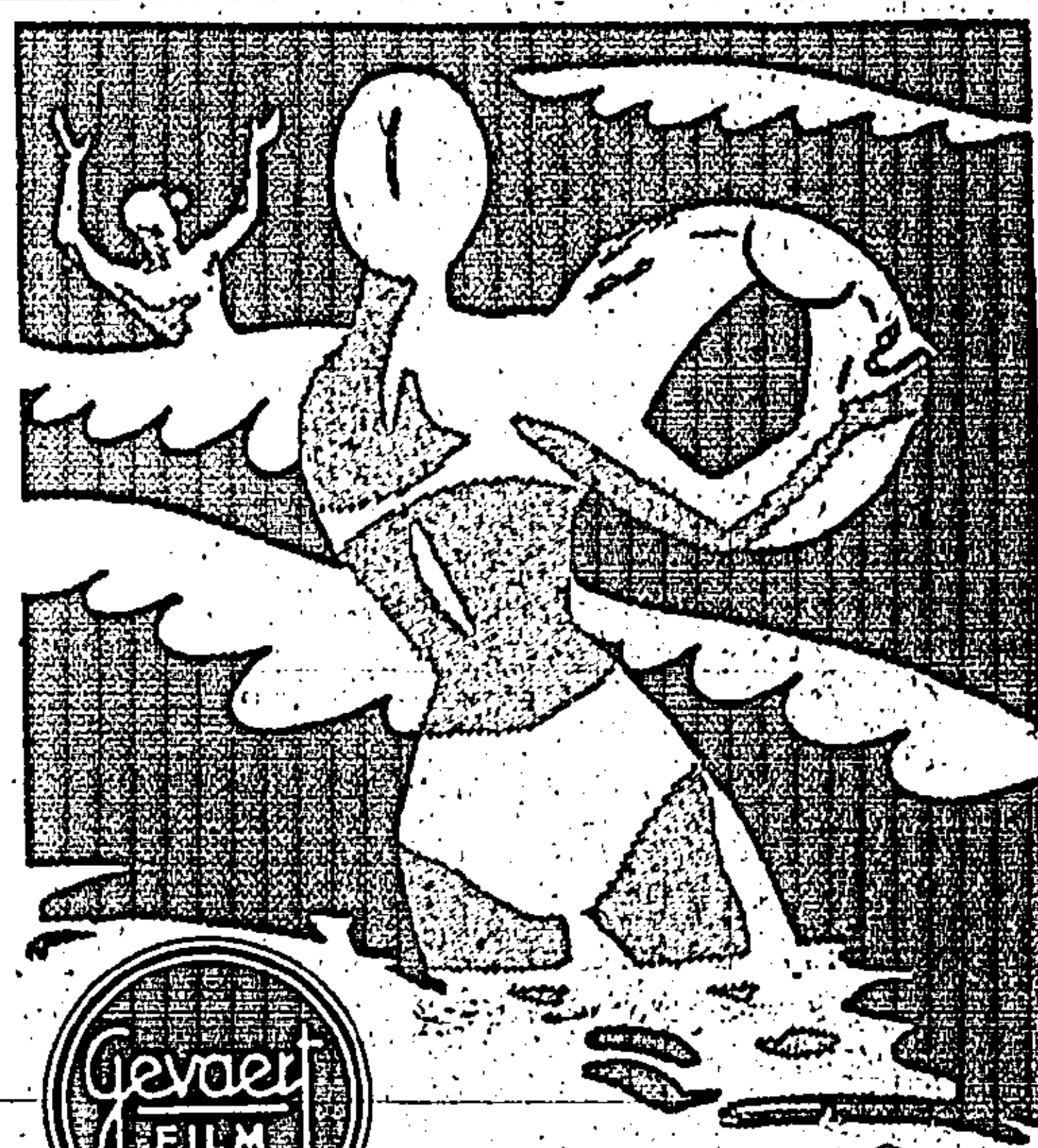
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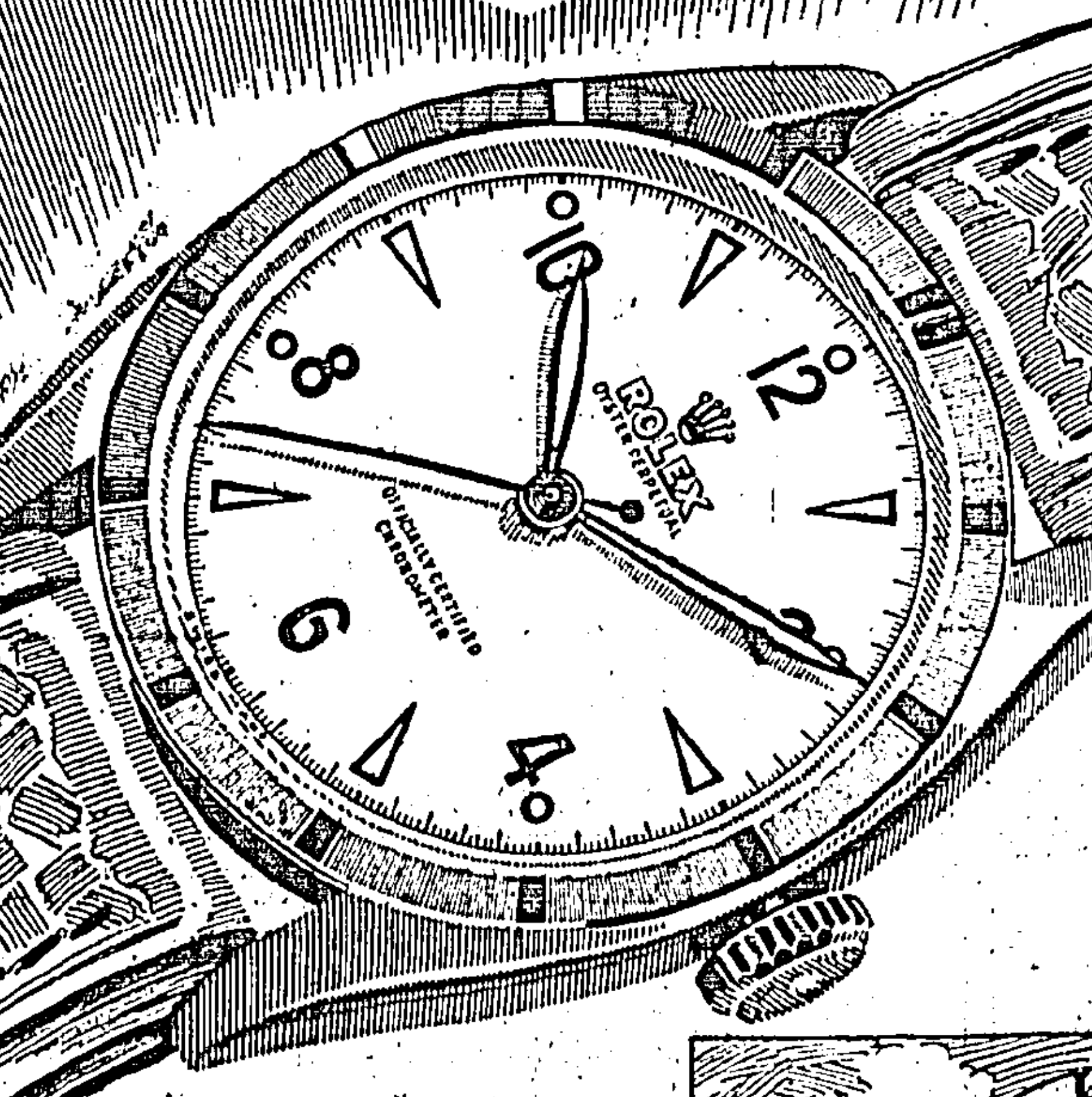
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JOHN GORDON IN AMERICA

THEY tell me here that I am carrying trouble around with me. For look what has happened: No sooner does my aeroplane reach New York than Sugar Ray Robinson loses a championship fight and the temperature almost touches 100 in the shade.

You may judge what such heat means when I record—on the authority of my 42-page evening paper—that a girl who sat down on the pavement for a rest, raised such blisters immediately on the part of her anatomy concerned as will make sitting even on the downiest of seats exceedingly painful for the next few days.

Mr Gordon, the Editor of the Sunday Express of London, shown on his arrival in New York.

MYSTERY CLUB IN MINIATURE

Nurse Sonia's slip is showing

by ERNEST DUDLEY
The Armchair Detective

SONIA refilled the new calash pipe she was smoking with another fistful of old rope, and puffed at it luxuriously.

"It's a vice I'd never tried before," she confided in me, her heavy eyelids lowered gurogously. "So I thought I must have a bash at a calash." She tittered musically at her little joke.

Suddenly she turned away with a sigh that rattled the windows of her sumptuous flat. "Why do you hold me down like this?" she flung at me over her glistening white shoulder.



"I showed them the hypodermic."

"She was wearing the latest from the fashion shows, a gownless evening back in wirewool. 'Because your strange, exotic personality haunts me, taunts me,' I cried. 'I must know more about you.'"

"Foolish boy," Sonia smiled inscrutably and patted my face, leaving a scar I carry to this day. "Then I will reveal to you what happened when I was posing as a discreetly discharging district nurse," she said.

"Calling myself Nurse Phillips, and with forged references from Dr Thur Mometta, I went to nurse Sir Baker Roll, the invalid millionaire."

London's notorious crime queen took a deep liking at her calash. She coughed through a cloud of black smoke. "I soon vamped his lonesome son Jim into helping me steal the rare Old Master (Whistler's Mother-in-Law) hanging on the wall of the library, where Sir Baker sat in his wheelchair."

"Sir B. always gave himself a sleeping injection by hypodermic syringe. That night I substituted, in place of the harmless dope of blue-water and tomato juice, a diabolical secret drug. 'It knocked the old boy out like a clip on the jaw. He wouldn't come round for a couple of hours.'"

"When the police arrived," Sonia continued, "I told them how I had found my patient, who must have given himself an extra large injection, and the picture missing. Obviously, the thieves stole it while Sir Baker was unconscious. I showed them the hypodermic explaining that was exactly how I'd found it."

Once more Sonia shed a remorseful tear. "But I went and made that silly mistake again. But, of course, YOU have already spotted Sonia's slip. A glance at the picture may help you spot the clue. Or turn to Page 16."

BY AIR to a land where the temperature just now is very high—politically as well as otherwise. This is CHAPTER 2 of a new kind of ADVENTURE STORY.

The Men Of Power In The Towers

Official America is disturbed and obviously much more eager to share responsibilities for the direction of the campaign with Britain than ever before.

He represents in full the triumph of the commonplace character. Hoover was the man who fed starving Belgium magnificently at the end of the First World War.

He became known as the most-admired figure of that time. For he was regarded as the saviour of widows and orphans.

And the wave of sentiment aroused by his work lifted him to the presidency of the United States.

He is probably a rich man, though he has no business interests whatever.

He lives and works in a sunshiny corner suite high up on the 31st floor of the Waldorf Towers—kept cool and wind-swept because of his partiality for open windows, unusual in New York. His immediate circle calls him "Chief."

He is one of the most tremendous figures the American Army has ever produced. In the army he has a tradition of success. Yet it is a tradition that might well have been shattered, plunging him into obscurity in the critical early days of the Pacific War.

He was then in command of the Philippines. Roosevelt, though never very pleased with him, thought he was too valuable to lose and decided to move him out almost in the last hour of escape was possible.

If Roosevelt had left him—as he might well have done, for to take a general from his best troops is difficult—MacArthur would have spent the rest of the war in a Japanese concentration camp.

Roosevelt spared him that and MacArthur's final night dash from falling Corregidor, in a small boat accompanied by his wife and young son, will live always as one of the dramatics of the war.

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declared Louise recently, "and if he hadn't, I believe I would have done it myself."

She is married (again) — MacArthur was, in fact, the second of her four husbands—and like a good soldier takes on the duty all the comments she gets these days from people with a malicious curiosity as to what it feels like to be the ex-wife of a national hero.

"I refuse even to discuss General MacArthur," she said recently. "I am now married to a 6ft. 6in. handsome former colonel."

I find it rather intriguing to have the destinies of the Republican Party being shaped by these two vastly different men, Hoover and MacArthur, in such a setting as the Waldorf Towers.

For that great forty-seven floor building is outstanding even in lush New York for the magnitude of the rents and the concourse of millionaires it gathers within its walls.

It seems unusual and oddly strange to find the real headquarters of a political party in so obvious a haven of privilege and power.

There is not even a sign over the discreet door with the curtains that goes on within. But I think there ought to be, powerful men, influencing the public mind for Taft against Eisenhower? Not much I should say.

Eisenhower remains the more popular of the candidates. There is a glamour about him that the colourless Taft lacks. But that does not mean that like will win. The machine chooses the candidate and, as in Britain, the citizen does not always get the man he prefers.

Eisenhower, for all his glamour, is not a stirring campaigner. He may have intense convictions, but his speeches do not have the touch of the crusader.

His principles may be sound, his honesty and sincerity beyond all doubt or challenge, but he is proving to be far from a heart-rouser. He is showing signs of falling back just when he should be leaping ahead.

Powerful two

BUT he has powerful newspaper backers. Sulzberger, controller of the great New York Times, is rooting for him. So is Mrs. Ogden Reid of the Herald Tribune.

An exciting pair whose rise to power provides interesting proof of the importance of making the right marriage. Sulzberger heads the Times because he married the boss's daughter, and Mrs. Reid because she married the boss himself.

But at least one can say that in Mrs. Reid's case the boss himself lacked benefit from the marriage, for in shaping the Herald Tribune the grey was always the better horse.

She is a woman who is widely admired in London as well as in New York and who enjoys thoroughly the great distinction and enormous power that she has created for herself.

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THE LAST GIRL TO LEAVE ALY'S PARTY

Lovely Lise stays till the dawn

From SYDNEY SMITH

THE most exclusive and most expensive party of the Paris summer season, given by Aly Khan, ended at 4.45.

The first birds were stirring and the sky was brighter than the crystal chandeliers in the restaurant among the trees of the Bois de Boulogne, on the outskirts of Paris, when the last two people left. They were Aly Khan himself and lovely Lise Bourdin, France's No. 1 cover girl.

This was the biggest party Aly has yet given for his annual celebration of the Grand Prix race at Longchamp, just a mile away.

There were 180 guests, and it lasted three hours.

The Aga Khan, dating doctor's orders in a wheelchair, presided at a table decorated with a model in lace of Longchamp racecourse.

The Duke of Windsor, in a midnight blue dinner jacket, presided at a second table, decorated with models of Elizabethan warships.



Lise Bourdin

Paris society women, eagle-eyed for signs of "romance," watched Aly Khan dancing. I heard one woman guest say: "But my dear, he dances with every woman he touches. He is the only one he could possibly love—how can you tell?"

Well—partner Lorraine Duport, 23-year-old wine heiress, left well before the stars began to pale. Singer Dany Dauberson flew straight back to the South. But 27-year-old Lise Bourdin, who stayed till sunrise, is still in Paris.

(London Express Service)

JOHNNY HAZARD

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Merci beaucoup, M'sieu!

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When last seen... 1928

1952 EXHIBIT 1: THE BONELESS DRESS
Narrow as the way; pleated on the straight.

London.
THEY have been crying "Fire!" about her for two years at least, and somehow she never arrived. Today, I am willing to prophesy, she is on her way here at last.

She is the Narrow-as-an-Arrow Girl. The girl who is flat as a board all the way down. The girl who sideways looks nearly the same, coming or going.

She turns up nine times out of ten wherever top dress designers and model girls and fashion photographers get together.

She is the girl whose clothes are almost the same back and front; the girl who wears broad shoulder straps instead of boned bodices; long necklaces instead of chokers; straight-all-the-way-down pleats instead of the circular kind.

As a model she leaves her "false figure" at home, poses with shrugged shoulders, and her watchword is elegance more than allure. In short, she is the girl we will all admire—the minute she gets here. Except, perhaps, the men.

Last Week...

STRAWBERRIES

★ IT WAS strawberry week... wild baby strawberries floating in Marsala turned up for lunch in Soho, and large, fat strawberries heaped on to pineapple slices soaked in Kirsch were served for dinner in Mayfair.

Strawberries were selling at 21s. for 25 in a Piccadilly shop, and at 2s. 6d. a lb. 1b yards away on a barrow.

Strawberries crushed into fresh cream and iced were on the buffet at a dance, and strawberries piled into sweet, brown pastry cups arrived on the sweet trolley at a night spot.

Strawberries were sold plain with mock cream for 2s. 6d. at Ascot, and four strawberries dotted round an ice cream were added to the menu for 1s. 6d. in Fleet Street.

SLIMMING

★ THE DUCHESS OF KENT still popped in for her slimming message in Bond Street before going on to Ascot... A deb. at the Guards Boat Club ball wore five sparkling hairs in her long dark bob....

The prettiest-ever flower arrangement was done with pink and yellow roses and green wheat... A restaurant in Chelsea reported that the "Anne Edwards Special" (rashers of ham on top of veal escallop with cheese sauce) was still a best-seller....

Madame Voltaire remarked that formerly whenever she saw a well-dressed woman in England she turned out to be foreign, but this time she quite often turned out to be English....

Someone in the Wimbledon set observed that after Joan Rinkel and Little Mo appeared on court in the same frock it was Mrs. Rinkel who took umbrage and returned the dress....

New Look Evolved
For Diaper Set

Cleveland, O.

Jerome Goldurs, president of the American Diaper Institute and proprietor of a baby diaper service here, has the latest word in "unmentionables" for the youngest set.

"The hour-glass model (diaper) is the newest thing on babies," Goldurs reported. "When the baby grows, you just let it out a little—the diaper, I mean."

He explained that no folds are involved in the garment. "Instead, there are pre-folds with eight thicknesses at the bottom and a graduation to light sides," he said.

The new diaper is also no challenge to fathers.

"You just lay the baby down," Goldurs said. "The hour-glass practically works itself. You pull it up a little and it enfolds the occupant. Then, too, snaps are replacing pins," he said.

Another development is new diapers in bright orange, green and yellow polka dots on white background. There are also pastel shades. No pants worn with these. The diaper itself is ornamental and serves as a proper garment for all occasions.—United Press.

Take Your Sun In Small Doses

The proverbial "ounce of precaution"—in lotion form—to avoid sunburn and sorrow. Protected wisely, you can take all the sun in stride.

YOUR two weeks with play this year can make you a changed woman—and delightfully so!

This is your chance to soak up sun, learn to relax and lose tension lines in your face, take up the sag in your figure and the slack in your posture and do a dozen other things for which, ordinarily, you are convinced you haven't the time. You can come back looking radiant and a d younger.

These are big promises, but they hold good for all the white collar damsels. Fulfillment of them, oddly enough, depends not upon a strenuous programme of hectic activity every minute, but a determinedly mild course of action. If you spend most of the other 50 weeks of the year indoors, perhaps at a desk, it is silly to think of yourself as an outdoor girl simply because you have the leisure to be out of doors.

Take your sun in small doses, limiting yourself for 10 to 15 minutes before 10 o'clock in the morning, and after four in the afternoon for, at least, the first week. The scanner, your swim or play suit, and the more sensitive your skin, the more careful you must be. If you are a blonde or redhead with particularly delicate skin, even sitting or lying in the sun in a low neck, sleeveless dress for just half an hour at noon may result in a painful burn. Brunes, thanks to the greater pigmentation in the skin, stand up better to the sun.

By MARILYN MARSHALL

seem to enjoy somewhat greater immunity but, regardless of type, anyone unaccustomed to sunshine should take it with extreme caution.

Overexposure may produce a burn that sends you to bed with all sorts of unpleasant reactions including nausea. That's no way for a smart girl to behave on her vacation! Take along a watch and time your sessions in the sun so you won't have to guess as to how long you have been exposed. Then when your safety period is up, move over to the shade of an umbrella or don your long-sleeved beach robe and a big straw hat.

In sun or shade, protect your skin from drying with one of the numerous excellent lotions, oils, creams or "sticks." You may find that your all-purpose lotion does best by you or you may have discovered a special oil which not only protects your skin and keeps it soft and pliable but allows more freedom in your acquisition of a beautiful tan. Or you may want to try one of the "stick" preparations. There is a wide choice and you can please yourself. But whatever cream or lotion you choose, use it lavishly.

If you do get a burn, try to rest, drink plenty of water or fruit juice, and lay on a soothing cold cream. And if the burn is severe, call a doctor and let him take over. But that won't happen to you. You are going to enjoy your vacation. You'll take your sun in moderation. Aside from the lovely sunbathing, the lovely sunbathing makes you look and

feel afterward, your sessions of lying on the beach or lake shore with the warm rays crossing you are wonderfully relaxing. Many of those threatening wrinkles simply vanish when you let your nerves and muscles come un-kinked—and you'd have to be a terribly stubborn woman to remain tense while sunning yourself.

If your job is one that keeps you under pressure, what you learn for yourself about relaxing during these two weeks can help you to make an entirely fresh start when you return to work. Do not take your work or your family worries with you on your vacation. Be single-minded in your play. Think only of what you are doing at the moment and enjoy it. The sun should make you feel like purring; a swim should make you feel buoyant and free; a hike into the hills should give you a delightful sense of distance and perspective.

When you are absorbed in these pleasant sensations, you very often forget your grievances and troubles. Try to remember that a week when you go back to your routine living.

Almost without realising it, the staid white collar girl gets some exercise on her vacation. That's because recreation on vacation is classed as recreation and fun. A mere two weeks of the mildest activity can tone your muscles and put you in better shape. Sell some of your friends on the idea of swimming at a pool or playing badminton at the "Y" as a regular "for fun" programme throughout the year, and you can really get in shape.

1952 EXHIBIT 2: THE MIDDY JACKET
Hanging flat as a board from shoulder to waist.

...And the Horseshoe Feather Hat, reported in London a fortnight ago, became a top-seller in that old Piccadilly store. At 36s. each they were selling at 80 a day, in blue, pink, emerald, white or black.

IN LONDON

★ IN ONE district of London... THERE WAS a "tap" about an embassy Second Secretary named in an Official Secrets case.

A POLISH COUNTESS who had been a British secret agent was found stabbed to death. A MONOCLED confidence trickster was gaoled for gyping a civil servant of £11,000 life savings.

A YOUNG WOMAN died from an overdose of aspirin. AND RUSSIAN EMBASSY officials went on being more inscrutable than ever.

Was it Limehouse, Soho, or Steppney?

Why, no—it all happened in Kensington.

OH, BLISS!

★ AND CAME the news that there may be nurseries on trains soon.

The Perfect Figure
—And The Measurements

By HELEN FOLLETT

YOUNG women seem to have a deep interest in feminine weights and measurements. There cannot be definite charts on this subject because of the variations of the feminine shape. The fact for measuring can be overdone. Although there is an average height and weight for girls of different ages, that does not mean that all girls must conform to this standard in order to be considered good looking.

Look to the Stars

Consider movie stars. Bette Davis is a bit curvy, but that figuratively speaking, you she has magnificent shoulders and carries herself beautifully. Katharine Hepburn is slender, curves almost absent, yet her figure is perfect. So it goes. There are weight charts to be had, but it is silly to consider large waistlines "too big"—then them reliable because of the con-

Oh, the bliss of sitting back in a railway carriage and reading a book—like other people. Oh, the bliss of not having to listen to:—
"Are we nearly there, Mummy?"... "What has that man got no hair for?"... "I feel sick!"... "I didn't say I didn't like the lady's hat—I said I didn't like her face."... "Why did you say I wasn't to say I had chicken pox?"... "Are we nearly there, Mummy?"... "I'm not forgetting, I'm banging the seat to get the dust out."... "Will it be tomorrow after breakfast?"... "The lady jogged my arm while I was drinking, Mummy."... "I'm not biting my nails; I'm just scratching."... "Are we nearly there, Mummy?"

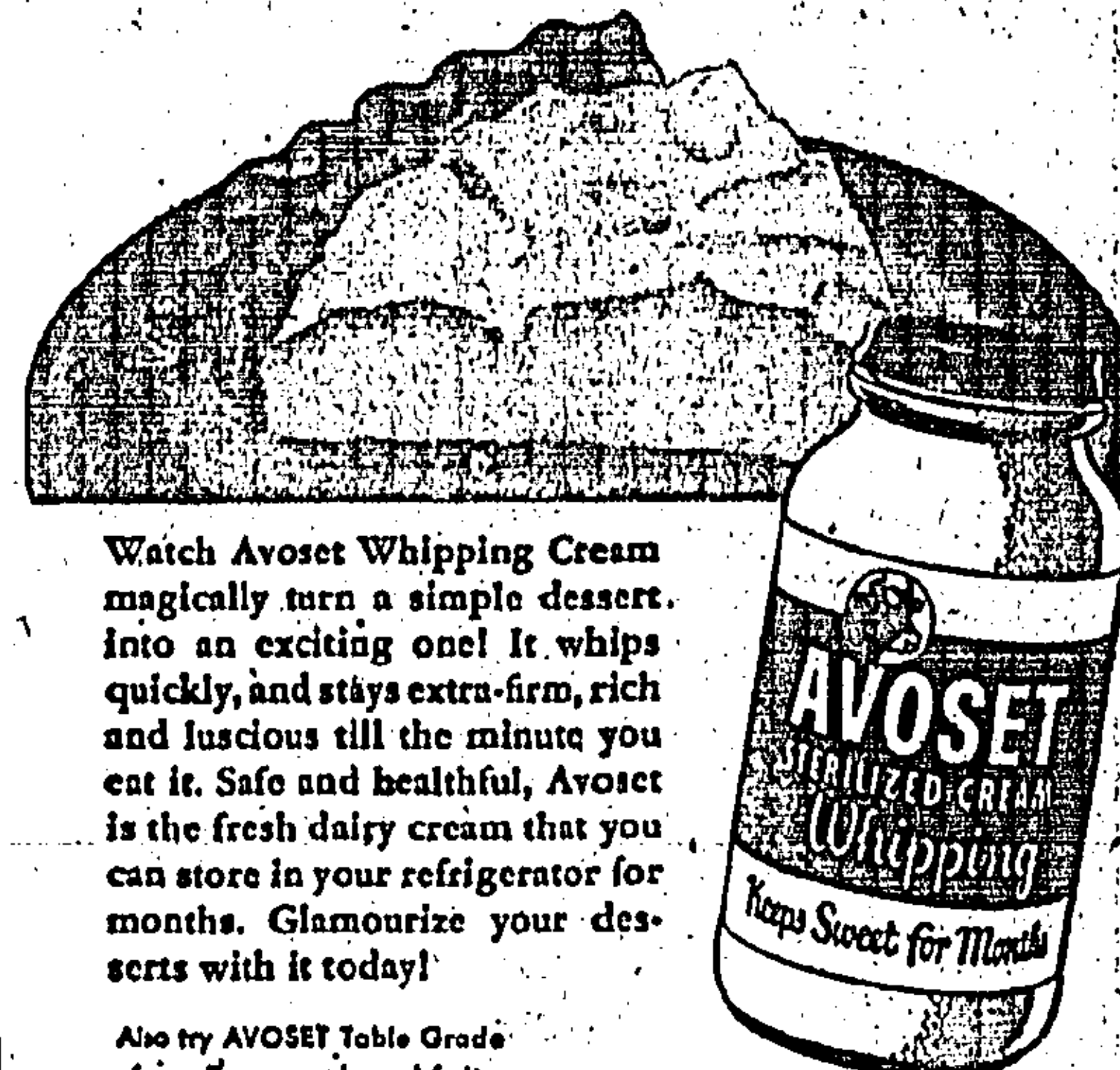
FRIENDS ALL

★ THE FIRST cruise of the season neared its first port of call. Warm breezes blowing up from Gibraltar, moonlight on the sea, figures in evening dress strolling the gleaming deck.

Photographs
by HANS WILD

How nice to think that by now, perhaps, Miss Tosh has met Dr. Kiteat. Mr. Flanagan has made friends with Mr. Allen. Mrs. North is chatting to Mrs. West. Mr. Grey has had a word with Mr. Black, and Mrs. Robb has teamed up with Mr. Edwards.

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THE annual speech day of the Diocesan Boys' School took place last week, and the students were addressed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. R. B. Black (above), who was making his first official visit to the school. Upper right hand picture shows the Headmaster, Mr G. A. Goodban, reading his report. Lower right: Horace Knight, top boy in Form 5, receiving his prize from Mrs Black. (Staff Photographer)



THE Consul for the Philippines, Mr. Vicente I. Singian, gave a reception last week to celebrate his country's Independence Day. He is seen here greeting the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow. (Staff Photographer)



MR Laung Wing-chung and Miss Pau Shan-ming photographed after their wedding at St Margaret's Church, Happy Valley. (Mainland)



THE annual Flag Day of the Society for the Protection of Children last Saturday was well supported by the public. Top picture shows Miss Ming Sun-tai making a sale. In bottom picture, Miss Young Sul-fong is turning in her collection to Mrs George Kwok at the Hongkong Cricket Club centre. (Staff Photographer)



A headquarters for the Deep Sea Rover Scouts, Far East Station, has been set up at the Seamen's Mission. This picture of the members was taken at the opening. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP of Warrant Officers and Sergeants of 34 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A. The Regiment is due to leave the Colony in the near future, having completed its overseas tour. (Ross Miller)



LEFT: Captain Ian Scott-Hyde and his bride, formerly Miss Henrietta Morgan, leaving Rosary Church after their wedding last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of Central Division of the Special Constabulary on parade at Central Police Station last Tuesday, when the Commissioner of Police, Mr D. W. MacIntosh, carried out an inspection. (Staff Photographer)

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PHOTO taken at the Rosary Church following the christening of David Quirinus, infant son of Mr and Mrs T. T. Sarreal. (Mayfair)



MR R. P. de Lencastre (centre) and some of his guests at the cocktail party celebrating his thirty years' association with the firm of John Manners and Co., Ltd., of which he is managing director. (Staff Photographer)



SCENE at Government House on Tuesday, when the 1st Bn., Royal Ulster Rifles, took over guard duties from the 1st Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. (Staff Photographer)



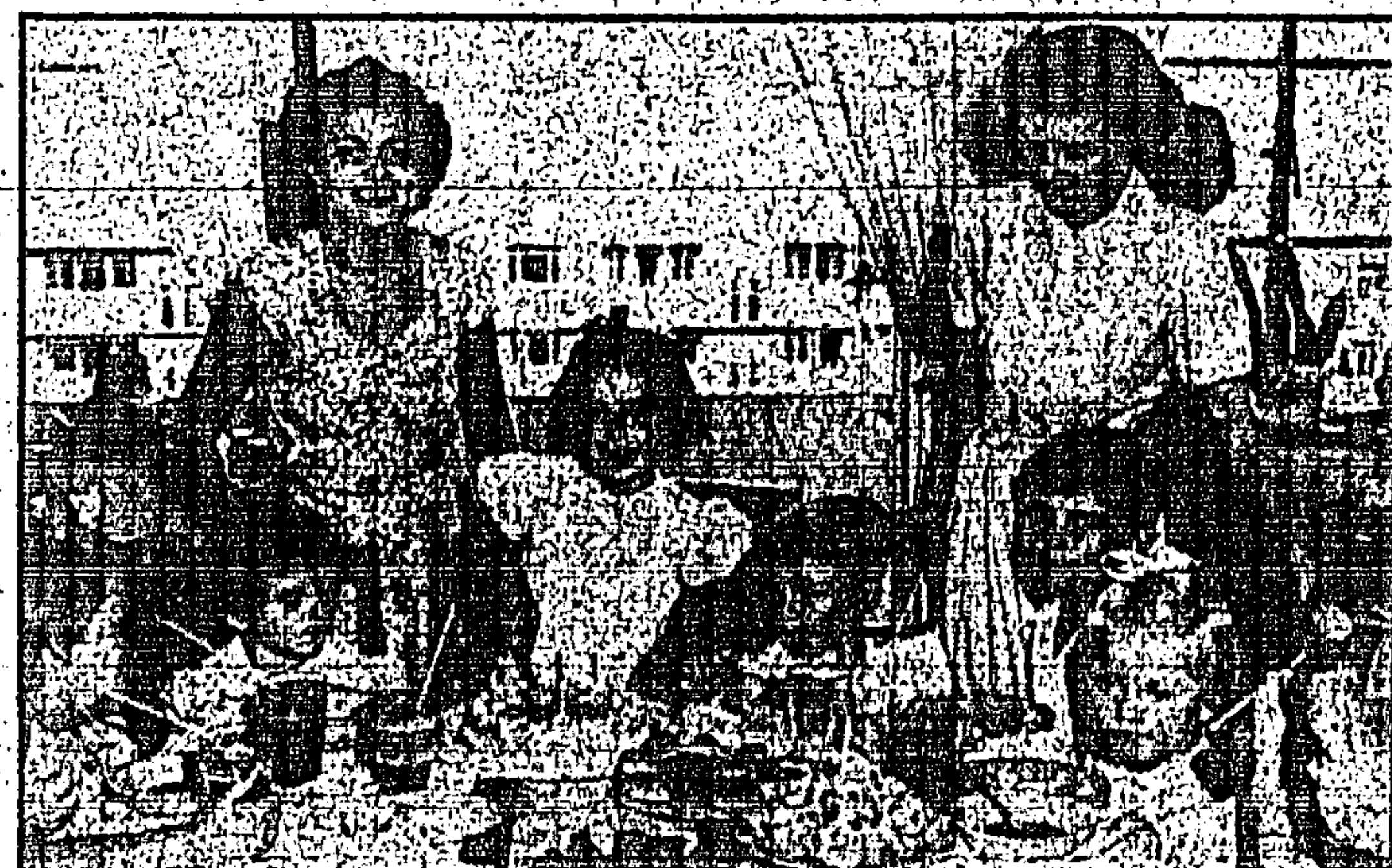
THE promising 17-year-old Portuguese pianist, Sergio Varella Cid, and the violinist, Silva Parreira (second and third from right), with Mr R. H. Lobo and Mr G. F. D'Aquino, who greeted them on their arrival here last week to give a concert sponsored by the Portuguese Institute. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the christening of Carol May, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Knight, at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)



HEADQUARTERS COY of the 1st Battalion, Middlesox Regiment, won the unit swimming sports on Tuesday. Major G. C. Dawson is seen receiving the prize from Lieut-Col. R. A. Gwyn. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Williams, preparing to cut the cake at her sixth birthday party. (Mainland)

RIGHT: Twelve Chinese students of the Regional Seminary, Aberdeen, who were ordained to the priesthood at the Roman Catholic Cathedral last Sunday. (Willie's Inc.)



RIGHT: Dr C. T. Tang and Miss Lena Mok, whose wedding took place last week. (Mayfair)



BELOW: The four swimmers who will represent Hongkong at the Olympic Games planned for Helsinki on Wednesday. They are Cynthia Eager, Irene Kwok, Cheung Kin-man and Sonny Monteiro. Taken just before the take-off, picture shows, from left: Monteiro, C. K. Woo, S. H. Wong, Cynthia Eager, H. Winglee, Cheung Kin-man, Irene Kwok, Ed da Roza, Mrs Sales and Mr A. de O. Sales.



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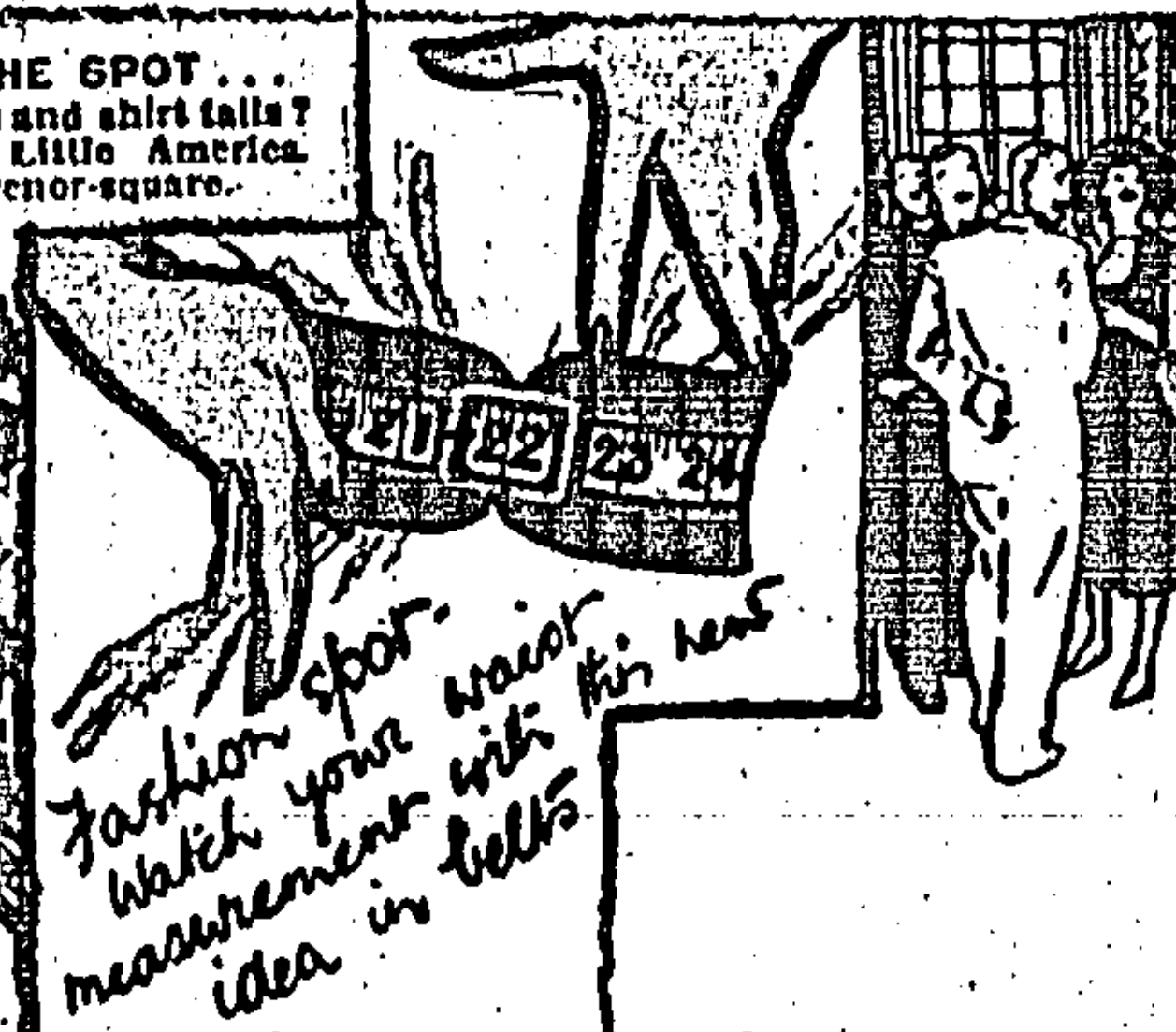
DOROTHY TUTIN—acting in a West End play—had to miss the premiere of her first film—but she did have a family party later.

SHE WORE this dress in white satin crepe made by her "darling Auntie Mary from York-shire." Bones on belt, and one shoulder strap match her earrings.



THE MADDENING THINGS THEY DO
"Yes, darling, I'm ready. I'm ready. In fact, she is going to come a yard or so, and knit on until the row is finished."

SPOT THE SPOT . . . of blouses and shirt tails? Yes, it's Little America Grosvenor-square.



Fashion spot—watch your waist measurement with this new idea in belts.

A SEASONING THAT BRINGS OUT NATURAL FLAVOUR

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

MANY of you have observed that the Chef and I have included monosodium glutamate in many of our recipes.

"What is monosodium glutamate? What does it do? Is it expensive? Where can it be obtained?" you ask.

Monosodium glutamate is a type of seasoning derived from cereal or vegetable sources. Taste a little and you will find it has a bland, slightly salty taste. But add it to food and the saltiness disappears.

The use of a small amount of monosodium glutamate brings out natural flavour of meats, fish, vegetables, soups and all soups and savoury "made" dishes. It is not at all expensive, and can be purchased at all food stores, where it is sold under various trade names.

Today's Dinner

Celery Soup with Cheese and Croutons
Barbecued Beef-vealburgers on Buns
French Fried Potatoes
Pens
Chocolate Custard
Meringue Pie
Coffee
Tea
Milk
All Measurements Are Level.
Recipe Serves Four

Barbecued Beef-vealburgers
Combine 1/2 lb. each chopped raw beef and veal and 1/3 c. minced raw ham or devilled ham. Combine 1/2 c. enriched bread crumbs and 1/2 c. warm milk; cook and stir 3 min. to form a paste. Add to the

meats, together with 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 1 tsp. tomato ketchup and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Form into 10 flat cakes. Dust with flour; saute in shortening until browned. Transfer to a casserole. Spoon over 1/2 c. barbecue sauce, and bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F.

Chocolate Custard Meringue Pie

Line a 9" pie plate with half the recipe for American meringue, rolled to a scant 1/4" thickness. Then make the chocolate filling as described below and pour into the pie plate. Start the pie to bake in a hot oven, 400 F., and bake 10 min.; then reduce the heat and bake 30 min. at 350 F., or until almost firm in the centre. Top with a meringue made from the egg whites, and bake 20 min. longer at 325 F.

Chocolate-Custard Filling

Measure 1 1/4 c. milk into a double-boiler top. Add 3 tsp. grated bitter chocolate and 1/2 c. sugar; cook over hot water until the chocolate melts. Separate 2 eggs; beat the yolks until creamy. Add 1 tsp. cornstarch, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Stir in the milk. Barbecue Sauce From the Chef

Melt 1/4 c. margarine; add 1 tsp. minced onion and 1/2 c. crushed, peeled small section garlic. Saute until the onion is tender but not brown. Add 1/2 tsp. table mustard, 1/3 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. chili powder. Stir in 1/2 c. tomato juice, 1/4 tsp. sugar, 1/2 c. lemon juice or vinegar; bring to boiling point. Then add 2 tsp. cold water blended with 1 tsp. cornstarch, and cook and stir until boiling.

New Ointment Protects Skin

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

SOME of you readers may have heard about the useful new plastics and lubricants made of silicone. Now we learn that this material has given amazing results in an ointment for diaper rash, chafing and many other skin irritations.

Severe skin rashes that defied other treatment have cleared up almost miraculously with this ointment. It is also being used for severe bed sores, and for a type of rash brought on by some of the body fluids, as when the bowels must be drained through the body wall.

The new ointment works by shielding the sensitive skin from

clothing, or body secretions. Frequent applications thus help the skin heal by itself, and also protect any other healing medicines that may be used.

The material, known as silicone, adheres to the skin, but does not react chemically to it or injure it. It also keeps off moisture and does not melt or stiffen in the heat or cold. Another unusual feature is that it does not dissolve in ether, benzene, or alcohol, and is not easy to wash off with soap and water, even by scrubbing.

Not a Remedy in Itself

While not itself a remedy for skin disorders, it is being used along with the standard medicines because of the protective action it affords.

The method that has been used with the silicone is to apply a thin layer to the irritated skin every four to eight hours. The old coat is left on, and standard medicines are applied as needed.

I hope you do not have the need to test this discovery, but if you do, you will be saved a good deal of irritation and even agony from these very troublesome conditions of the skin.

EXPERIENCE-1

★ ONE BOOK:—On "How to be Attractive," gives these seven points of advice: ONE: Get there on time... and stay at the job all day.

TWO: Don't ask for privileges at work.

THREE: Do not gossip.

FOUR: Do not pet.

FIVE: Do not have cheap permits just to save money.

SIX: Get those butter and eggs and rich milk down—a little more butter and cream each day.

SEVEN: Never deliberately tell a man about your other beaux.

And where does all this advice come from—a bishop, a social worker, the Business Women's Association? Not at all.

Why, look who's talking—it is Joan Bennett, 42-year-old film star with three weddings, a court case and a million dollars behind her.

EXPERIENCE-2

★ THE SECOND BOOK—on "How to Travel Incognito," confirms suspected ideas about those pictures on calendars: That there are only two things people buy calendars for—and neither one is the date.

"There are laws to Calendar Art," said Mr. Fruehauf, who sells 20,000,000 calendars a year.

The first rule is: "It's gotta be a girl. And our experience shows that she mustn't ever be shown from the back. Second in importance. I'd say, are animals, like a dog, preferably a puppy, preferably, again, a white puppy. Preferably, also, a white, woolly puppy, with a black spot on the right side of its face. Over the eye."

ONE SO YOUNG

★ OVERHEARD at the big garden party recently—one of those remarks that could have been put better: "My dear, don't tell me this is your ELDEST. I can't believe it."

All Through The House

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

THE annual offensive is on! It's open war against dust and dirt. Housewives, armed with mops and brooms, are on the march. From attic to cellar, they're taking part in "Operation Clean-Up."

It's a campaign that can't be completed in a day. There's too much ground to cover. Seasoned veterans go easy, take a few tasks at a time. They realize there's no sense in wearing themselves out, doing too much at the start. Their progress is slow and sure. At the end of a week or so, their homes are spotless. More important, they're feeling fit, not all worn-out and super weary.

So take a page from the veteran homemaker's book. Do a little cleaning at a time. And find the easy way to do it!

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When you're cleaning stairs or shelves, for example, don't start at the bottom. That's just making more work for yourself. When you reach the top, you'll just scatter dust on the steps or shelves you've already cleaned.

Instead, start your cleaning at the top and work down. Radiators probably need a thorough dusting, but, before you do this job, spread dampened newspapers underneath them to catch the dirt that ordinarily would settle on floor or carpet.

If walls and floors have to be washed, a sponge mop with a self-wringing device is a help. It saves hands from the ravages of strong soap and water, also keeps you off your knees. You can use a mop to shampoo rugs and to wax floors, too.

Another aid to better and easier cleaning is a new non-



CHECK YOUR CLEANING EQUIPMENT: Be sure you have brushes, mops, dust cloths, and a hand-size sponge for hard-to-reach corners.

olly silicone furniture polish that saves elbow grease. You spread it on, let it dry, then wipe it away with a clean cloth. A hand-size cellulose sponge is good for cleaning woodwork, windows, window frames, for the space between staircase rungs and those small spots that are hard to reach with your hands.

Steam irons make handy cleaning aids, too. If you want

to erase those unsightly dents on your carpet that were caused by furniture legs, use an iron. Set the dial for steaming, hold the iron about 2 inches above the spot and it will help raise the nap. Then brush the rug gently with a stiff brush.

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Ironing slipcovers is an awful job, but there's an easy way to do this, too. Fit the covers on the chairs while they're still slightly damp. Fasten them as tightly as possible to pull out wrinkles. When the covers are dry, it's a simple matter to touch up seams or creases with a steam iron.



THE EASY WAY to iron slipcovers is right on the chair. Put the covers on damp. When dry, touch them up with your steam iron.

A QUICK CURRY

JUST DOLLING UP A FEW SCRAPES NOW YOU GOT A SPOT OF REAL RICE—FIRST IT'S BOILED, THEN IT'S COOKED. FOR 12 MIN.

ADD THREE SMALL CUPS OF YESTERDAY'S LEFTOVERS TO YOUR RICE. COOK FOR 10 MIN.

WHILE IT'S COOKING, ILL FRY THESE 2 SMALL ONIONS, CHOPPED, AND A TINY BIT OF GARLIC IN A TSP. OF OIL. SPOONFUL OF FAT.

NOW I'LL ADD A TOMATO CUT UP IN SMALL PIECES. A TEASPOONFUL OF CURRY POWDER OR PASTE AND A LITTLE SALT—THIS IS MY CURRY.

NOW ADD THE WELL-DRAINED RICE. HEAT STIRRING WITH A FORK.

AND REY PRESTO! ALL READY IN LESS THAN 15 MIN. TO KEEP HOT ALL THE DAYS COMES HOME.

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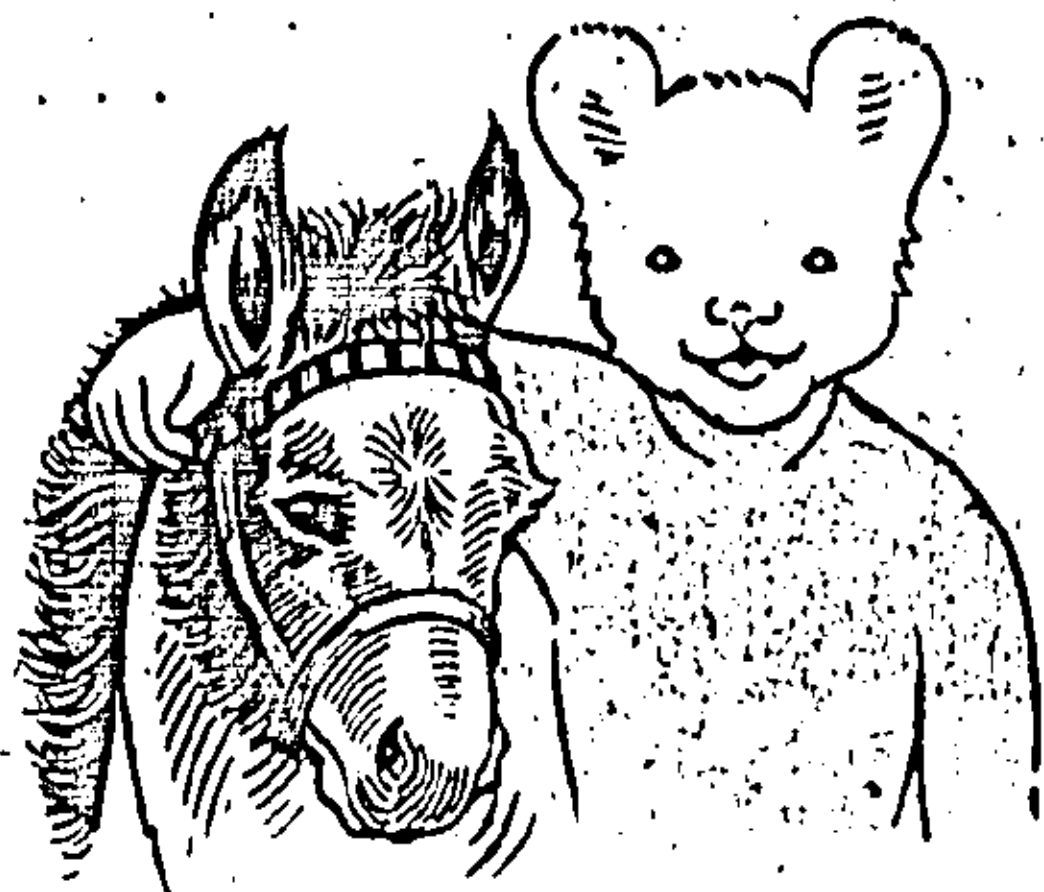
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'I'll give five minutes,' said Churchill —and waited for 55

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By GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

WING-COMMANDER
YEO-THOMAS belonged
to an English family
settled in France for close
on a century and, after
holding various jobs as
mechanic, accountant, and
audit clerk, entered (1932)
Molyneux's dress salon in
the Rue Royale, Paris.

The manlier types may have
looked down their noses, if so,
they now face a humiliating
duty of apology. They should
have noticed, in the first place,
that Yeo-Thomas served in the
1914-18 war at the age of 18;
then, as if peace were an un-
derstandable idea, fought for the
Poles against the Russians.
This martial past seemed far
removed from the elegant young
businessman kissing the hands
of his aristocratic clients and
acknowledging the salutes of
glamorous models. A still more
martial future lay ahead, in-
cluding the George Cross,
Legion of Honour, M.C., and a
record of heroism unsurpassed
in the war.

★ ★ ★
Bruce Marshall, doubly qual-
ified as narrator by his accom-
plishment as a novelist and the
combatant career which cast him
in the leg, has no need to intensify
the strain or deepen the horror
of Yeo-Thomas's adventures.

The story of Mr
Molyneux's manager
tells itself.
After the Fall of
France, he joined one
of the French sections
of Special Operations
Executive. He became
one of the "cloak-and-
dagger boys," whose
lives were sometimes
romantic, whose deaths
were often sticky.
Three times he made
clandestine missions
to occupied France,
gathering to-
gether and sort-
ing out the
different strands
of the French Resistance
imposing order, weeding out irres-
ponsible.

It was a heart-breaking task.
The Communists were heroic
but aloof, "Security" was weak,
The Gestapo were active and
pitiless. In their records they
had a description of "Shelley,"
Yeo-Thomas's cover name.

The shadowing of suspected
Allied agents was carried out by
teams: one member of which
would pass on a description of the
suspect to the next. Yeo-
Thomas changed hats and
scarves several times a day. A
leuth was trained to spot his
prey by his walk. Sometimes
Yeo-Thomas wore shoes with
steel tips, sometimes without;
occasionally he put a wedge of
cardboard under one heel, alter-
ing his gait.



YEO-THOMAS
Special
Operations.

BOOKS

activities.

Before the last of his missions
to France Yeo-Thomas had an
interview with Churchill, who
said: "What have you got to
say? I can give you five
minutes." He gave 55.

Yeo-Thomas begged for 100
aeroplanes to take arms and cloth-
ing to the French Secret Army
and the Maquis, who had one
rifle to 30 men. He got what he
wanted within 48 hours.

Then he returned to France
to attempt the rescue of his com-
rade, Broselette, caught by the
Gestapo, but not identified be-
cause a tall-tale white streak in
his hair had been dyed. But
there would be no hair dye in
his prison. Yeo-Thomas must
release Broselette before the
streak showed.

He failed. At Passy Metro
station he was himself caught,
betrayed to the Gestapo by a

wretched youth now serving a
life sentence.

Ahead lay Fresnes prison,
Buchenwald, Gleina, Richms-
dorf, the Death Convoy. Tor-
ments and horrors almost be-
yond belief, and deepening
torture until at the last mo-
ment, when the death hook
seemed only an hour or two
away, escape was contrived.

The dreadful story has its mo-
ments of exaltation. On D-Day,
Yeo-Thomas, from the depths of his
lungs, as Fresnes heard his fel-
low-prisoners singing the Mar-
sellaise—"to him it was like the
heavenly choir. With tears pouring
down his bearded, battered face, in
his clammy rage he stood to atten-
tion and added his own psalm of
God Save the King. If it was any-
body's victory it was his."

When, with a mixture of luck,
bravery and guts, Yeo-Thomas broke
away from the SS murderers and
reached the first United States
patrol, "Who he hell are you?" ask-
ed their leader. The question pro-
ved to be difficult to answer.

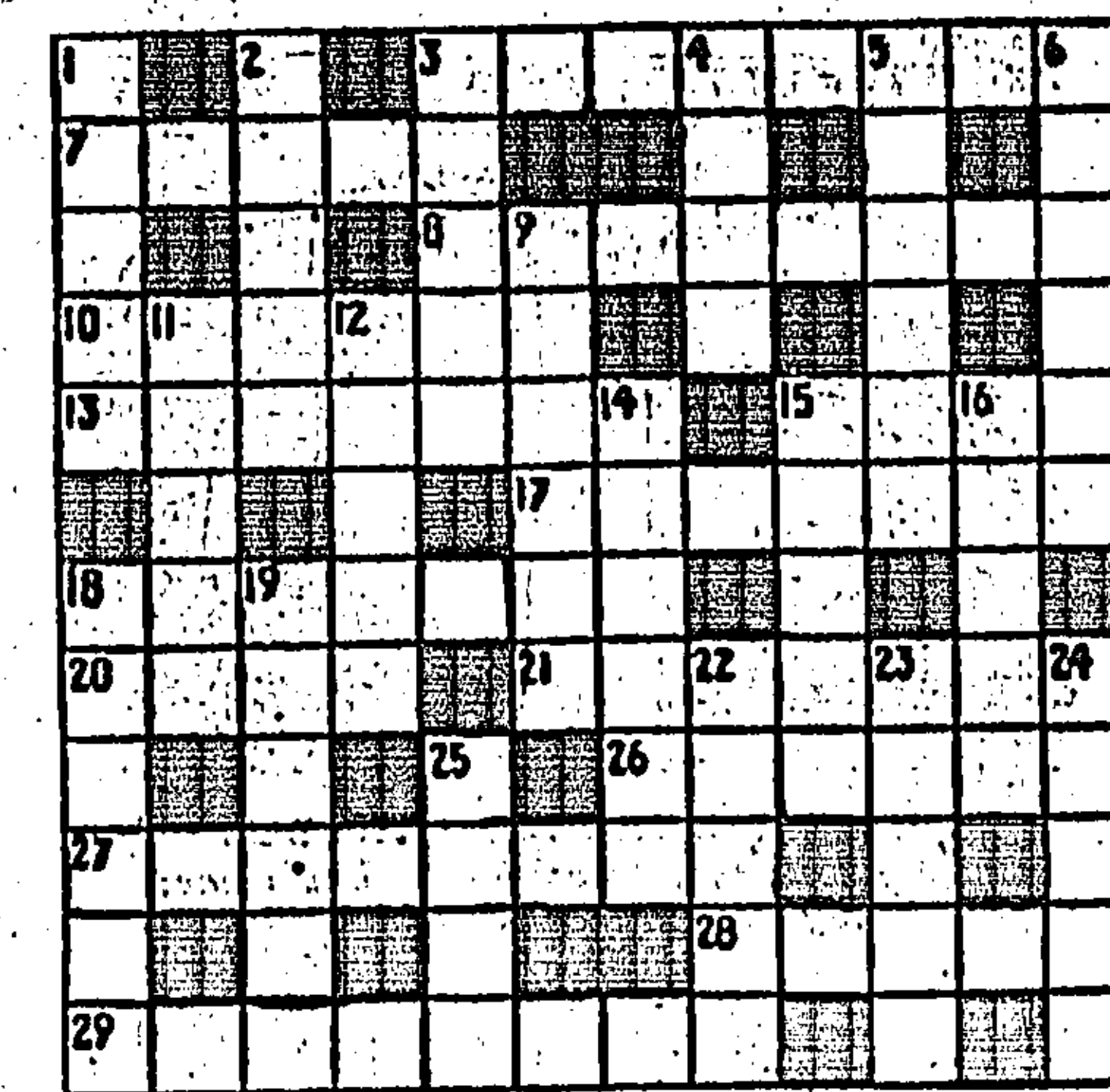
Back in Paris, he called once more
on his father. This time the greet-
ing was fervent: "That brave old
man kept his shock for those who
were able to bear it. My son has
returned, but he looks like an old
man of seventy."

The White Rabbit is strong meat;
an unparaphable and terrible docu-
ment, it tells of Oeschersheimer
Schmidt, who casually kills a
human scarecrow for picking up a
potato peeling; of Obersturmfuehrer
Kern, whose pastime is fogging
prisoners to death. It adds the re-
velation, perhaps the most horridly
of all, that Kern and Schmidt have
never been punished.

When the criminal lunatic escapes
from Broadmoor there is an up-
surge. How many Kerns and
Schmidts are at large in Germany
today?

Those curious to know what
happens in peace to one who has
seen, done and endured like Yeo-
Thomas, are informed in a sardonic
last chapter that "There is always,
Marshall indicated, the dress busi-
ness."

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Put in (8).
 - Loathed (5).
 - Engravings (8).
 - Of the eye (6).
 - Like (7).
 - Sage (4).
 - Abhors (7).
 - Dwelt (7).
 - Approach (4).
 - Hang (7).
 - Street trader (6).
 - Bard (8).
 - Thoughts (5).
 - Shaded (8).
- DOWN**
- Drives off (5).
 - Play noisily (5).
 - Perfect (5).
 - Reverberate (4).
 - Ball game (6).
 - Sports (6).
 - Occupations (6).
 - Quoted (5).
 - Boundary (5).
 - Diminish (6).
 - Cries (5).
 - Weight (5).
 - Pushed hard (6).
 - Transgressor (6).
 - Substantial (5).
 - Anaesthetic (5).
 - Scum (5).
 - Eye affection (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Pumped, 5 Dunce, 8 Raven, 9 Ransom, 10 Lure, 11 Saver, 12 Sack, 13 Tolem, 16 Serene, 18 Halted, 20 Storm, 22 Apes, 23 Acrid, 25 Bribe, 26 Tussle, 27 Liked, 28 Force, 29 Senses. Down: 1 Parishes, 2 Mani-
cure, 3 Eros, 4 Damages, 5 Delist, 6 Union, 7 Carve, 14 Tem-
pests, 15 Monsters, 16 Sincere, 17 Recites, 18 Arabic, 21 Torso, 24
Dude.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Understanding Depth Of Field

FANCY optical formulas and
highly technical "photo-
graphic" terms are beyond the
comprehension of most of us
camera fans. Our primary con-
cern is getting good, sharp
pictures. Yet there is one
optical property of lenses that,
if understood, can be of con-
siderable value in picture
taking. I'm referring to a term
called "depth of field."

With the camera at a given
setting, the distance between
the points nearest to and
farthest from the camera, that
is in acceptable focus is known
as the depth of field. One ap-
plication of it might be a situa-
tion like this. Supposing you
run across a scene with a
beautiful background and also
an interesting object in the
foreground. You want to keep
both in focus. But, if you focus
on the nearby object, the
beautiful background goes out
of focus. And if you focus on
the background, the nearby
object will not be sharp. How-
ever, by knowing your depth of
field you can find a focusing
point somewhere between them
which will keep both of them
sharply defined.

There are two general prin-
ciples concerning depth of
field that you should keep in
mind. First of all, you will dis-
cover that the zone of accept-
able sharpness of the image is
greater when your camera is
set for the farther distances.
If your camera is set for
twelve feet, quite an area will
be in good focus. But if you
set the distance indicator at
three feet, the acceptable area
will be only a matter of inches.
The second general principle
is that depth of field grows
larger as the aperture grows
smaller. For example, at a
given distance you will get a
much greater area in focus at
f/22 than you will at f/4.5.
This is the main reason for
using the smaller lens apertures
when it is possible.

To apply these principles to
the scenic view of a low
parapet back, you can reason
this way. You know that using
a small lens aperture increases
the area in focus; therefore, you
would use the smallest lens
opening that is practicable for
that particular scene. Secondly,
you wouldn't focus on the back-
ground at infinity, nor at the
distance of the nearby object,
but rather, at some point be-
tween them, which will keep
them both reasonably sharp.
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tell you just where that point is.

— John van Gulder

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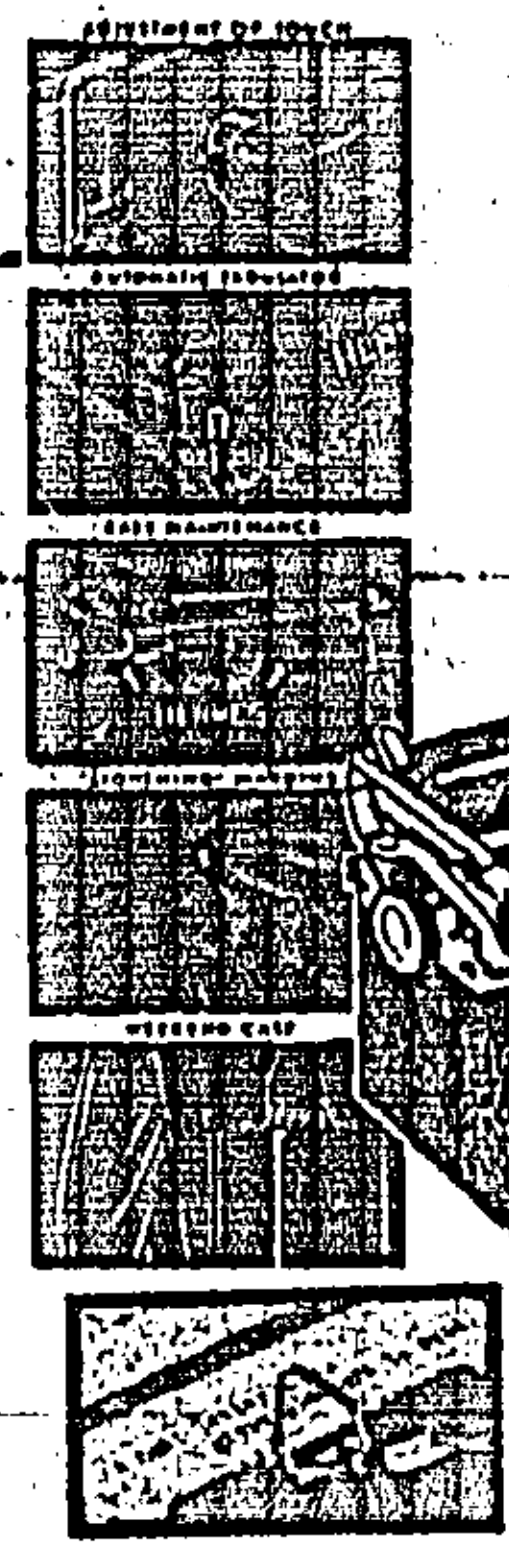
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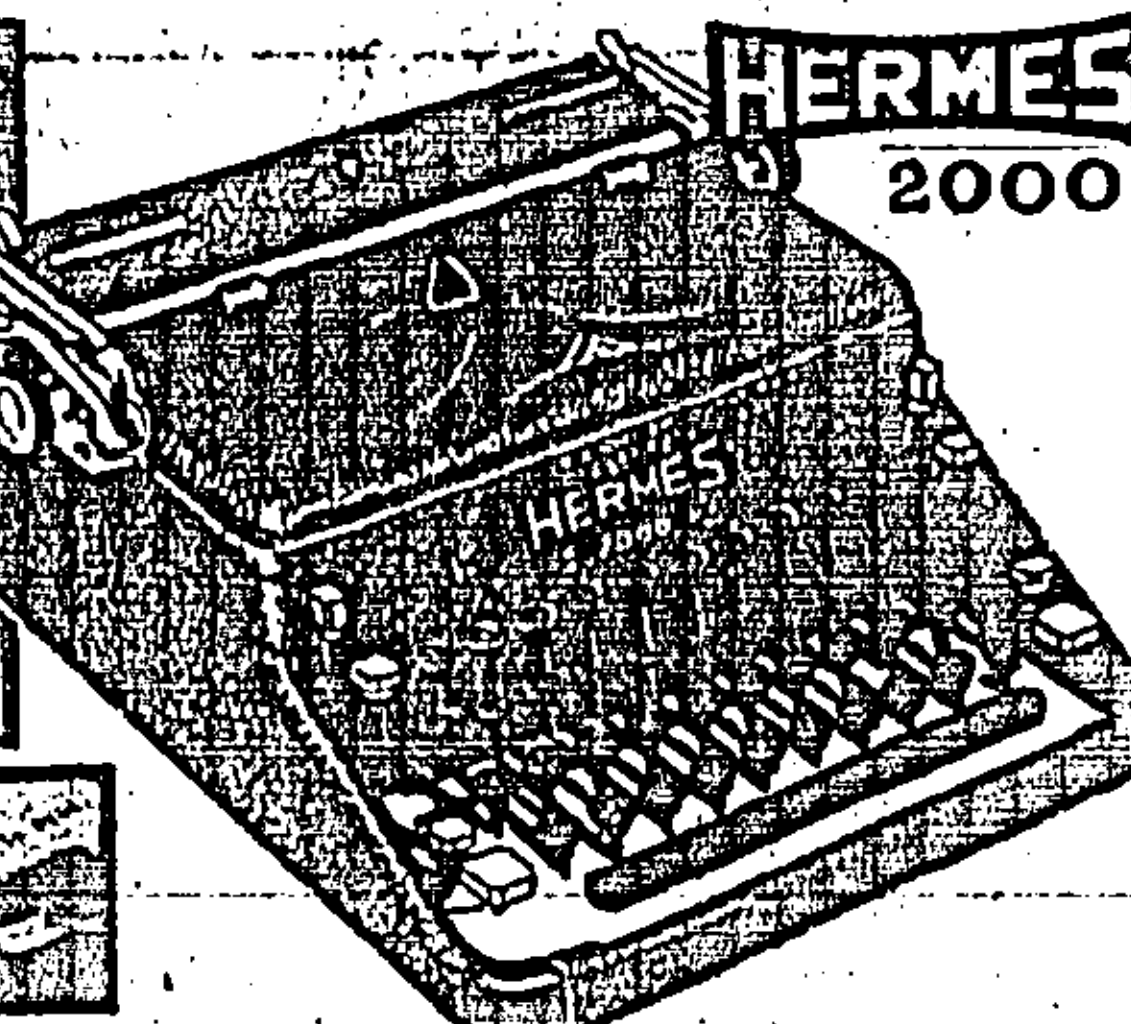
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RECREIO'S CLEAN-SWEEP OVER KBGC MAKES THEM ALMOST A CERTAINTY TO WIN SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "TOUCHER"

The Lawn Bowls League season went through perhaps its most interesting set of matches during the past week.

The First Division return clash between Club de Recreio and Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on the result of which hinged the hopes of the other leading contenders—Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Craighower—ended in a clean sweep for Recreio, who are now almost certain to win the title.

For a spectacular upset, there was that first win of the season by last placed Hongkong Football Club over no less reputed opponents than third placed Kowloon Cricket Club by the convincing margin of 64 shots to 44.

Two crucial matches in the second and third divisions, threw the race for Championship honours wide open, however, in these two divisions.

In the playoff of their first round Second Division match, Kowloon Cricket Club overtook the League leaders, Club de Recreio, with a 4-1 win over their rivals, to lead by two points.

In the Third Division, Kowloon Cricket Club just failed to make full use of the opportunity of taking top place in the League table, when they lost to Recreio by 1½ points to 3½. As a result of this match, only one point now separates the four League leaders—CCC, KDC, KCC and Recreio.

AGAIN PROMINENT

That confidence and steadiness that has pulled Recreio out of at least two precarious situations this season was again prominent in their First Division 6-0 triumph over Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Despite the margin of the final score, the match was actually very closely contested. At the end of the 10th head, the aggregate score was 33-31 in favour of Recreio, who were, however, actually down on two rinks. J. McKelvie, after being 2-5 and 6-10 down, was leading J.A. Luz by 14-11 at this stage. E. Greenwood was enjoying a 9-8 lead in his neck-to-neck struggle with J.F.V. Ribeiro and only Robertson was behind by 11-14.

Eight shots on four of the five heads immediately after tea, and a single and two fours by Jackie Noronha put Recreio into

a commanding position. E. Greenwood just fell short of a valiant attempt to bring home the only point, conceding a single on the final head to lose by 15-17.

Playing under the hope that the Bowling Green Club would at least be able to hold Recreio to a 2-3 score, Indian Recreation Club gave off their best in their attempt to take maximum points from Craighower.

They succeeded in getting 4½ points, but were forced to really fight for them. U. M. Omar was not seriously extended by W. C. Ogley, but the other two rinks ended in tight finishes.

J. S. Landolt overcame a seven-shot before-tea deficit and at the end of the 10th head the score was only 18-17 in favour of A. K. Minu.

Landolt was rather unlucky on the 20th head when a good resting shot by him flicked the jack to one side to give Minu a count of one, to which the IRC skip added another. The Craighower rink were lying one shot on the last head when A. K. Minu grazed off a front wood to rest away the shot.

George Souza took A. M. Omar to 15-15 on the 16th head in a close game, but conceded a fatal three on the 19th. On the 20th head Rosset got in a good first shot and on the final head Rosset was again prominent when he shifted the jack a few inches back to give his rink a count of two and the only half-point for his side.

At Cox's Road, Hongkong Football Club surprised even themselves with that upset 4-1

win over Kowloon Cricket Club, who were still suffering from the effects of the reshuffling of the rinks caused by the inability of Frank Goodwin to play for the remainder of the season.

The footballers, however, played inspired bowls on the tricky green, and brilliant form by Col. Dowbiggin, A. Roberts, T. Morgan and L. G. Young, who led all the way to beat Charlie Thompson's rink by 20-9, paved the way to their victory.

Teddy Fincher's rink, after enjoying a 12-7 lead on the 8th head, was overtaken at the 11th and after that there was no stopping K. Forrow and his men. Only Hong Sling's rink maintained their consistent form to win the only point for KCC.

TODAY'S GAMES

Interest in the First Division games today will be centred on those between Recreio and Police and between Talkoo Dock and Indian Recreation Club.

Only a succession of upsets new can stop Recreio from winning the Shield from Indian Recreation Club, and although the chances of Police Recreation Club in providing one of these upsets are very slim, particularly with the match being played at Recreio, this may not be impossible.

The guardians of the law put up a creditable performance in their previous match against the League leaders, and will remember the lesson learnt—keep plenty of reserve for the after tea session.

Indian Recreation Club will again be playing with their in-

terest straying to the Recreio green, and will have to put extra efforts in if they are to take full points from the greatly improved Talkoo Dock team.

In the Second Division games, Kowloon Cricket Club should greatly strengthen their position at the top of the League table, but how much so will depend on their margin of victory over the IRC "A" team today.

Craighower Cricket Club are expected to retain their Third Division lead with the Filipino Club as their opponents this week. Their nearest rivals, Kowloon Dock, will have slightly stronger opposition in the Football Club, but Recreio may provide the big surprise and come up well to the fore in the week's reckonings.

THE PROGRAMME

First Division	
CCC	v KDC
KBGC	v HKFC
TDC	v IRC
Recreio	v PRC
Second Division	
KCC	v IRC "A"
FC	v HKCC
IRC "B"	v KBGC
Third Division	
PRC	v Recreio
FC	v CCC
HKFC	v HKCC
HKFC	v KDC



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I have just been on another trip to America. Let me assure the average golfers of Britain that the average American hasn't got a thing on you in golf. In technique and performance he is just as you are—in form one week and not so good the next. But enjoying this wonderful game most of the time.

The popular theory that the Americans are better golfers than we are stems from the phenomenal scoring of their top few professionals—and the degree of consistency the Americans have achieved over us in the Ryder Cup.

I am not complaining of that argument. Nor do I say that the top American boys really are good. But I feel that there is much too wide a generalisation on the whole subject. And in any case I reckon that their top men are only just a nose in front of ours, and that if we had the same opportunities there would be no difference at all.

The Americans do not strike the ball any better than our professionals, but the finer edge they command in some of their bigger tournaments come from three main factors. First of all they have better weather than we have. The tournament boys literally follow the sun. Secondly, they play one big money competition after the other. No lessening-giving for them. They just sharpen their tournament play all the time.

GALLERY PLAY

And thirdly—on average, they are better in temperament. They love gallery play. It comes naturally and easy to them. They more readily believe they are good—a vital factor in building confidence.

On this last visit I felt that Sam Snead is still about the best striker of the ball in the business. Ben Hogan doesn't play very much these days—I don't sup-

pose he needs to. But even they were surprised in this last American Open by being beaten to top place by Julius Boros, one of the boys from Mid-Pines, Carolina, who hasn't even done a great deal on the main circuit. Which just goes to show that even in the best circles you never can tell in this business.

But, as far as the general method the Americans use for striking the ball, the main points I noticed were: high back swing, full shoulder pivot; shut face, straighter back, and much less of the English and Scots inside-to-out movement, no roll of the wrists, and very late hitting.

FIVE CARDINAL POINTS

Far better than a generalisation like that is the official view of the American PGA on the five cardinal points of the good golf swing.

Point 1: A steady head position at the start and throughout the swing. This is recognised as a definite aid in acquiring good posture and maintaining correct body balance during the swing.

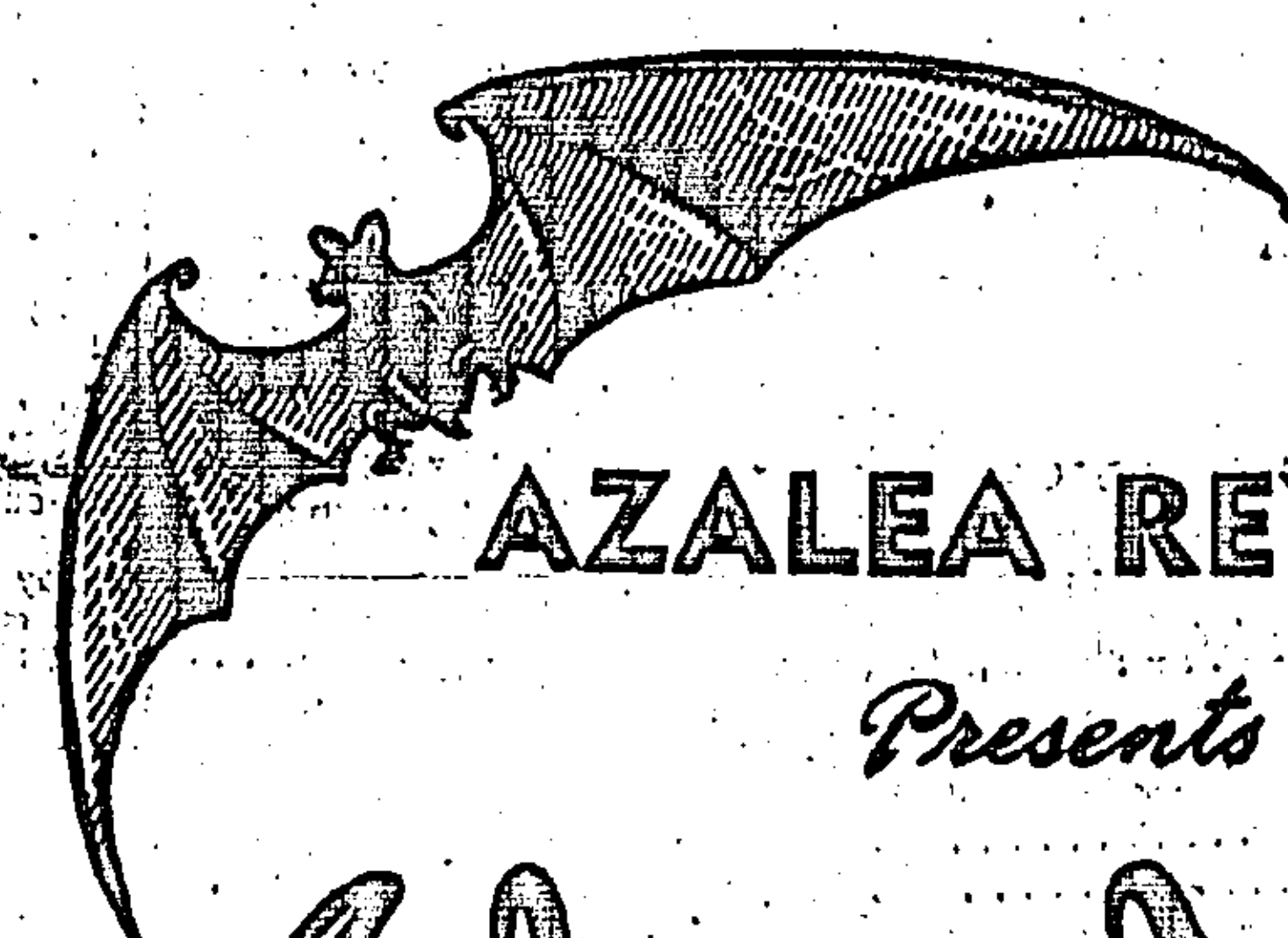
Point 2: Firmness of the left hand grip and control with the left arm at the start and throughout the swing. This ensures the

formation of a circular arc with the clubhead and promotes the co-ordination of both sides of the body during the swing. Emphasis is placed on left arm development to compensate for the natural "right-handedness" of most golfers.

Point 3: Ball placement. The ball should be placed to the left of the centre position as regards the feet. This gives a longer arc to generate club-head speed, encourages "hitting through the ball" and helps in keeping the player "behind the ball" at impact.

Point 4: A preliminary waggle of the club-head with the hands and a "forward press" with the legs. This promotes "feet of club-head" and releases tension, thereby enabling the player to take off in co-ordination with a smooth start.

Point 5: The weight of the lower part of the body moves with or ahead of the swing, particularly on the downward swing. In other words, the golfer must be balanced and his weight must be working with the swing. This proper use of the weight enables the player's mass to reinforce the effort of the arm, hand and club-head action during the swing.



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Know What Glass Is Made Of?

—See Mr. Punch: He Can Tell You All About It—
By MAX TRELL

"MR. PUNCH," said Hand the shadow-girl, as she went up to the chair in which her old friend was comfortably reading a book, "what is glass?"

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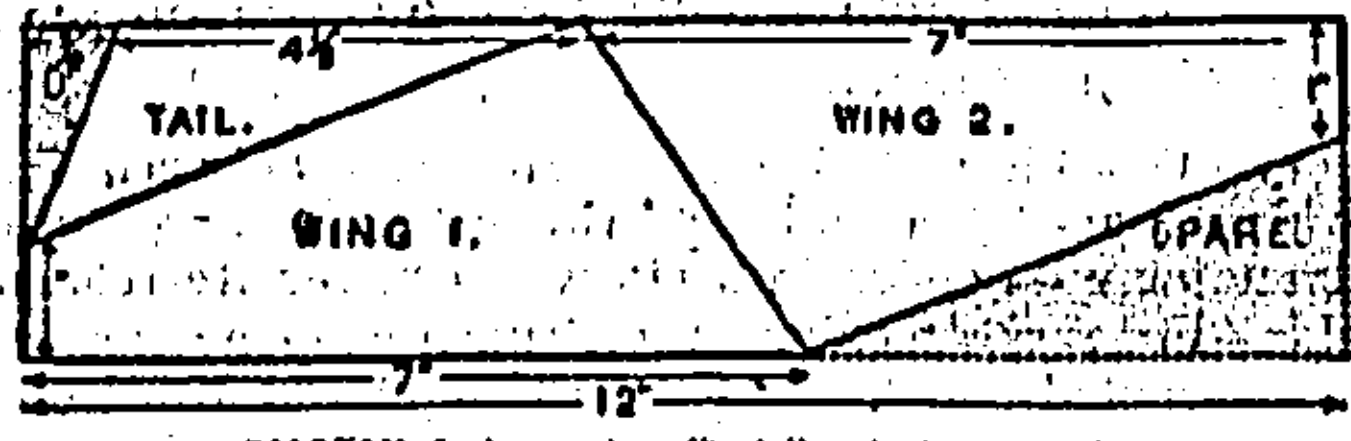


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Meet My Tropical Fish

By MICHAEL STANLEY (Age 11)

FOR five years I wanted a dog, but we live in an apartment house and do not have a back yard.

Then I wanted an elephant. I saw a nice big one at the zoo and he was very friendly. My father measured the entrance to our apartment and showed me it would be impossible to get that elephant into our place.

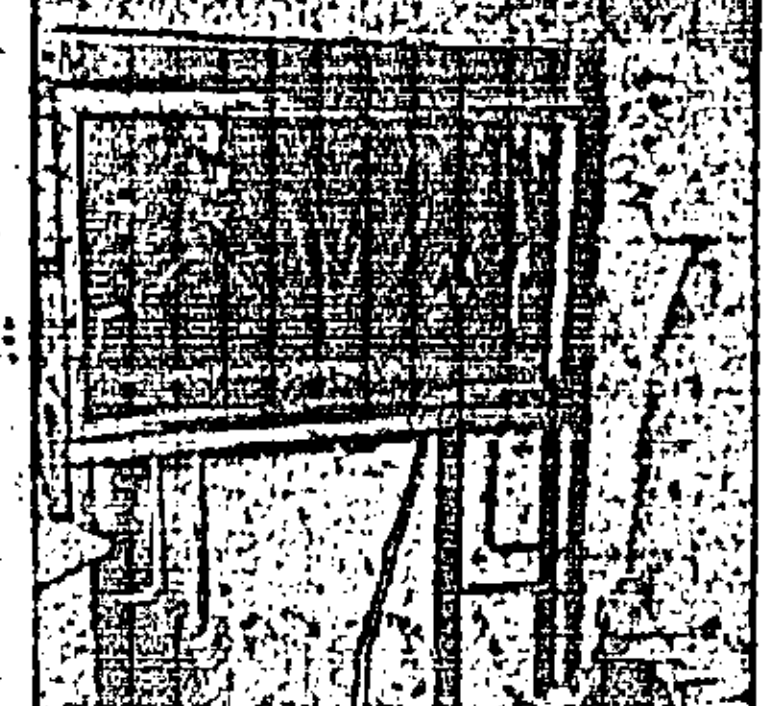
A tropical pet shop opened right across from where I live, and this is where my story begins. The raising of tropical fish is a fun now and can be expensive and fun, as this story of my own experience will point out.

The man at the shop told me the names of the different fish, where they come from, how to take care of them, and most important—the price. For without money you can't start an aquarium. My parents told me I could have a fish tank and had provided I agreed to take care of them. And I would have to spend my own money. I didn't have very much so I helped my mother with the dishes, cleaned my bedroom, and washed to the store for extras for my mother.

I saved my money and that is how I got all my fish. The tank cost me U.S. \$8.95, holds seven and a half gallons. I also bought a reflector for the same price. Later, I got a heater, a filter, aerator and motor.

I will tell you a secret how I think I saved money. In the store the man told me the bigger fish cost more money. So I bought small fish and took good care of them. I got two variegated

I like to watch my catfish. He is a scavenger and that means he eats up leftover food. That prevents the water from getting foul. Now I also have a small in my aquarium and he helps the catfish clean up, but they don't speak to each other.

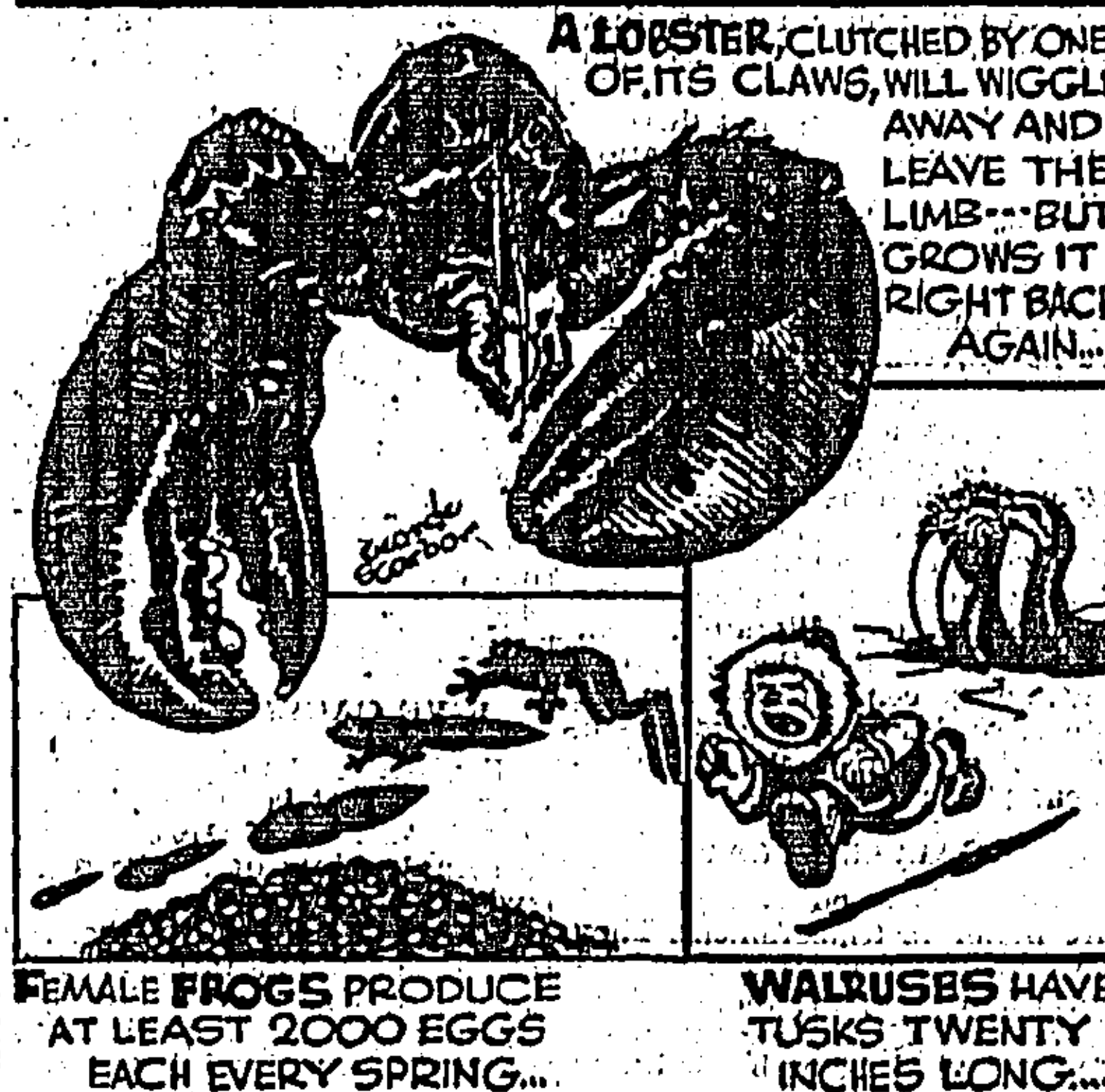


ed platies for one U.S. dollar; two sword tails for a dollar; one catfish for 50 cents; one angel fish for 50 cents, and some platies. These are the fish that began my aquarium. By writing the names of the different fish on a paper several times I learned how to spell them correctly.

I HAVE plants in my tank. They are sagittaria and Vallisneria. It would be much easier if the plants had names like Freddie, Walter, and John. You need plants in order to have a balanced aquarium. Fish need oxygen just like human beings. But we get it from the air. They have gills and can get it from the water. And when they exhale they give off carbon dioxide the same way we do. Plants can use the carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. Since the fish need the plants and the plants need the fish they should be friendly with each other.

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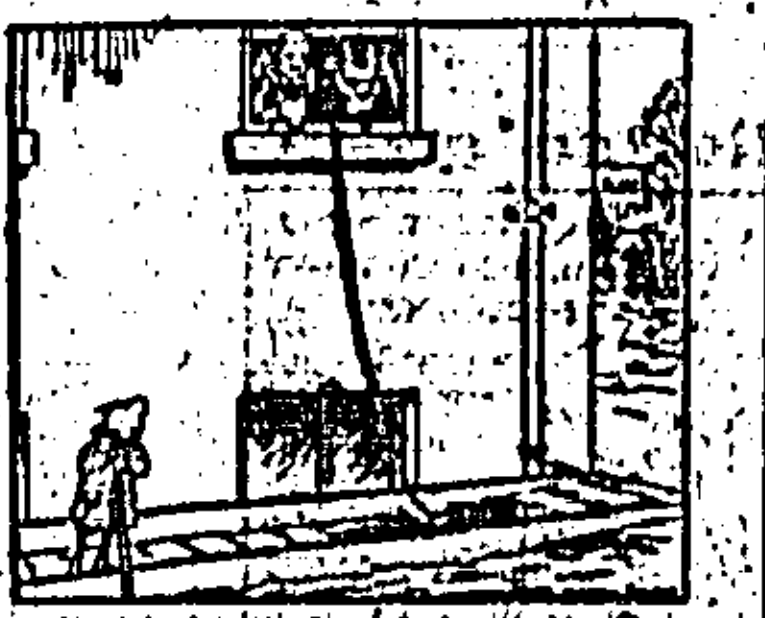
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SATURDAY, JULY 12

BORN today, your originality in both thought and action is very likely to influence the general direction of your entire life. You will be perfectly well how to conform to the world's playing "follow the leader". You want to lead! You have fine powers of persuasion, a good speaking voice, and the ability to present facts in an orderly way. You are fond of the most exciting, and against trying something new just for the sheer excitement of being different from anyone else.

You have the gift of words and will probably write well. But you have to have harmonious surroundings as well as peace and quiet to do your best work. You will probably be happiest living in the country, near nature. You are fond of the most outdoor and have an understanding of animals. If you find it necessary to live in the city, plan to get away as much as possible. Committing might be the solution.

You women are good homemakers and excellent mothers. Attractive to members of the opposite sex, you'll have more than one opportunity to wed. You will want a large family and will be affectionate and devoted to it.

You are probably fond of music and may have talent yourself. This side of your nature should be developed, for even if you put it only as a hobby, it can bring you great pleasure.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

CANCER (June 21-July 21) - CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20) - Don't depend on memory alone. Put important details into an agreement or contract. Be sure!

LEO (July 21-Aug. 23) - AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Don't depend on memory alone. Put important details into an agreement or contract. Be sure!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) - An idea that comes to you today can prove a very valuable one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) - Pay a visit to someone who has been ill, bringing sunshine and happiness into a gloomy life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Your being an example of charm, grace, and refinement is a good thing for those around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) - ACTIVE or SPECTATOR sports can be equally enjoyable, according to your tastes.

BORN today, you have a very high degree of adaptability, good common sense, and the initiative to promote your original ideas in places where they will do the most good. You have a good business head, too, and this combination is bound to bring you material success. Your mental processes are so very quick that you are inclined to be impatient with those who are the slow, plodding type. You have a natural desire for knowledge and your mind absorbs information like a sponge. Since your memory is good, you are able to retain what you learn and make use of it whenever you wish.

Fond of music, travel and all the cultural delights of the world, you will want the money with which to indulge in these pleasant pursuits. If not born to wealth, you are willing to work hard during your early years so that as you approach middle life you will be "comfortable" and will be able to enjoy life.

You have your full share of charm and personal magnetism and make friends wherever you go. You should be exceedingly fortunate in your circle of friends. You will be happiest if you wed at an early age for you are fond of having your own family circle upon which you can lavishly love and attention. You will make an indulgent parent and may need to guard against being over-protective.

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MONDAY, JULY 14

CANCER (June 21-July 21) - CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20) - Seek harmony and quiet in your work and at home. Avoid getting into any argument. You can't win!

LEO (July 21-Aug. 23) - AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - If this is your vacation time, then start your journey today. A fine day for travelling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) - If you have "responsibility" that keeps you from attending to their conscientious and efficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) - Don't worry if your good intentions seem to be for naught. This last day, no matter how hard you try!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Offer to help someone in need at the office. Encourage a member of the younger generation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) - ACTIVE or SPECTATOR sports can be equally enjoyable, according to your tastes.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

YET another "ultra-modern painting" has been hung upside down. After some weeks, during which thousands admired it, several schoolboys, woefully out of touch with the latest trends, pointed out that the signature was upside down in the wrong corner.

Probably the experts thought the signature was part of the picture. What they said to these boys is not recorded in my paper, but I hope they at once formed a committee, and that we shall have a statement from it in the future. In the meantime, they will say "not the actual method of hanging it. They might also have pointed out to some of the most advanced music, which can be played backwards or forwards with equal effect."

A sleepless night

A gang of thieves sent a trained monkey up a ladder and into

a bedroom, to unlock the door and get out the contents of the bed. The monkey was successful in its task, but the thieves were so nervous that they did not notice the monkey was not there when they returned.

Heat up the Chablis, Harry!

A "CATERING" school has suggested that the old custom of the wine-waiter tasting the wine before he serves it should be revived in the modern world. It is a very old custom, and it is a very good one. It is a very old custom, and it is a very good one.

In passing

An Army chaplain, the other day, gave an instance of ignorance of religion to the army. A youth who said that God Friday was Robinson Crusoe's birthday. Having been a soldier myself, I should imagine the lad was merely trying to be funny—like the boy who was asked to comment on a story of Jonah and the Whale, and replied: "Small prophets and quick returns."

Smarten up your hooves

On this occasion the horses were unusually well groomed, and to their hooves, which sparkled with a coat of aluminium paint. This innovation caused considerable comment, and the hooves of the horses were all the more so. Aluminium News.

And I'll venture the aluminium people liked it, too.

JACOB Y

ON BRIDGE

Problem Is Solved In An Easy Manner

By OSWALD JACOB Y

TWO bridge players recently asked me to settle a bidding dispute. They gave me the hand shown today, which they had bid in the manner shown in the diagram.

"Shouldn't North bid one no-trump instead of two spades?" asked one of my friends. "He has a weak opening bid, and the overall 15 hearts warns him that the king of hearts is worthless. Shouldn't he do everything he can to advertise that he has a bare minimum?"

Before I could answer, the other fellow, stuck right in. "Shouldn't South stop at three spades?" he asked. "He has heard his partner make minimum bids of two spades and three spades. Why does he have to go on to four spades?"

As usual in these matters I asked a question of my own instead of answering. "How did the play go?" I wanted to know.

West opened the nine of hearts; he told me, and East won with the jack. He returned the jack of clubs, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and led a diamond, knocking out the ace. West led another trick, and the suit was continued, forcing South to ruff with his last trump.

Now South couldn't lead a low diamond to dummy's ten, for then he would never get back to his hand to cash the king and queen. He played a squeeze by leading a club to dummy's king and leading out dummy's last trump. But there was no squeeze, and also no tenth trick.

Now you have all the information that was given to me. If these two players had come to you for a decision, how would you have answered them? Decide for yourself before you read on.

Both of the bidding questions are very close points. I would not criticize a North who bid one no-trump instead of two spades. I would bid two spades myself because I do not suppose four-card trump support for a major suit if there is any way to avoid it.

I would not criticize a South who passed at three spades. I would bid four spades myself because there's usually a way to make ten tricks on these very close hands, and it pays to be aggressive in such situations.

On this very hand South should have made the game. He should draw only two rounds of trumps and then should lead diamonds. The opponents then make him ruff a heart, but he can lead a diamond to dummy and still return to his hand with a trump. The rest is easy.

Q-The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Spade Pass 2 Hearts Pass

3 Diamonds Pass

You, South, hold: Spade 9, Hearts A-3-5-5, Diamond Q-10-7-6, Clubs A-3-2. What do you do?

A-Bid four clubs. You intend to raise diamonds vigorously at your next turn. It will then be your bid of four clubs was intended to show an ace rather than to suggest a trump suit. This information may enable your partner to bid a suitable suit.

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